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LOK SABHA**

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Inter-linking of Rivers

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to link Bagmati with Burhi Gandak river in Bihar to solve the problem of floods in the State and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the works undertaken so far to link the said rivers under inter-linking of rivers project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

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(a) & (b) Govt. of Bihar has proposed nine intra-state links for preparation of PFRs / DPR. Out of these, one intra-State, namely Bagmati-Burhi Gandak (through Belwadhra) link is proposed for diversion of partial quantity of flood of Bagmati river to Burhi Gandak river in Bihar to solve the problems of floods in the State. The Pre-feasibility Report of the link has been prepared by National Water Development Agency(NWDA) and submitted to Govt. of Bihar.

As per the study by NWDA, the link is not feasible as it is in conflict with another Intra-State link Burhi-Gandak-Noon-Baya-Ganga link (flood mitigation scheme) of Bihar for which DPR has been prepared by NWDA. Study of National Institute of Hydrology (NIH) shows that the floods are occurring at the same period in both the rivers. Thus the link is not found technically feasible by NWDA.
