

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION  
LOK SABHA**

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WATER GRID

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

(a) whether the Government is encouraging the States to form water grids in different parts to supply water for irrigation, drinking and industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION  
(PROF.SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) to (b) The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) has formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 links under the NPP. Details of the river links identified under NPP are given at Annexure.

In addition, out of 46 proposals of intra-state links received by NWDA from 9 States, the BurhiGandak- Noon-Baya-Ganga Link of Bihar, Kosi-Mechi Link of Bihar, Ponnair-Palar Link of Tamil Nadu, Wainganga- Nalganga Link of Maharashtra and Barakar-Damodar- Subernarekha Link of Jharkhand have also been taken up for preparation of DPRs by the NWDA on the request made by the concerned States. The DPRs of two intra- state links i.e. BurhiGandak-Noon-Baya-Ganga Link Project and Kosi-Mechi Link Project have been completed and sent to Government of Bihar in December, 2013 and March, 2014 respectively.