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Title : Need to take steps for inter-linking of rivers of Rajasthan to address the problem of water in eastern Rajasthan.

DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA (DAUSA): There are lot of rivers in Eastern Rajasthan as Chambal, Banas, Morale, Ghambheer, Banganga, Dund and Sone. Even after this, Eastern Rajasthan is totally dry and water thirsty region. The only solution for this area is to link rivers with any perennial river. There was a planning to link Betwa and Chambal rivers and bringing them down upto Banganga and Yamuna (Sr. No. 11 of Peninsular River Projects). Another river Sharda in the North which is tributary of Ganga

(Sr. No. 59 of Himalayan River Link Project). There is no progress as yet regarding linking above-mentioned rivers. The Sharda river link project presently envisages taking the water of this river from North Aravalis towards the Western hills and further down to Barmer District which may be very costly. As the Narmada river water is coming in that area, my request is that the Sharda river canal be brought to Eastern side of Aravallis and should link to the tributaries of Chambal and be diverted to the Eastern Rajasthan.

The another measure which can be taken for solving the acute crisis of water is to carry the water of Yamuna (as proposed for Churu and Jhunjhunu) to Sone River, Ramgarh Dam and then divert it to the Eastern Rajasthan.

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