

INTERLINKING OF RIVERS AND MAJOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS

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The Feasibility Reports (FRs) for 26 links and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for 13 links have been completed out of 30 identified interlinking of rivers (ILR) projects under the National Perspective Plan (NPP). Further, under the NPP, no interlinking of rivers project pertains to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The status of river interlinking projects including Godavari-Krishna River link, Krishna (Alamatti)-Pennar link, Bedti-Varada Link, Netravati-Hemavathi link and Ken-Betwa link those received sanctions/ approvals or recorded progress in last five years in the country are provided in the **Annexure**.

The Ken–Betwa Link Project is the only priority link that has entered the implementation stage. It has an estimated cost of ₹44,605 crore, with ₹39,317 crore of central support. The Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP), which includes the Godavari (Polavaram)–Krishna (Vijayawada) link, has received cumulative Central Assistance of ₹20,658 crore.

The North Koel Reservoir Project is an inter-State major irrigation project with its command area spread across the States of Bihar and Jharkhand. The approved cost of the project is ₹2,430.76 crore, including a central share of ₹1,836.41 crore. The revised completion time of the project is June 2026. The irrigation potential of said project is 1,14,021 hectares.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is undertaken for every interlinking of rivers project during the preparation of FR and DPR to assess environmental and socio-economic impacts, including those on riparian communities. Statutory environmental and wildlife clearances are obtained as required under prevailing laws. After participating States sign implementation agreements, proposals are submitted for appraisal and consideration of central support. The Cost-sharing arrangements between the Centre and States are not uniform and are determined individually for each project.

The likely benefits of these projects covering irrigation potential, drinking water availability and overall regional water security are provided in **Annexure**.

To ensure transparency, ecological sustainability and equitable water distribution, the ILR programme is guided by strong institutional mechanisms such as the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR), the Governing Body of National Water Development Agency (NWDA) and the Task Force

for Interlinking of Rivers (TFILR). These platforms enable States to review technical, environmental, social and water-sharing aspects. All NWDA study reports are shared with States for comments, which are duly incorporated.

The information was provided by **THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI SHRI C R PATIL** in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF LINK PROJECTS THAT RECORDED PROGRESS OR RECEIVED APPROVALS DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS ALONG WITH ITS BENEFITS.

Sl. No	Name	States benefited	Annual Irrigation (Lakh ha)	Domestic & Industrial (MCM)	Hydro power (MW)

	Ken-Betwa link Project (KBLP)	Uttar Pradesh (UP) & Madhya Pradesh (MP)	10.62 (UP- 2.51 MP. - 8.11)	194	103 MW (Hydro) & 27MW(Sola
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	Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link	Telangana	2.38	232	26
	Krishna (Nagarjunasagar)- Pennar (Somasila) link	Andhra Pradesh (AP)	1.71	236	40
	Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Manimuktha) link	AP	0.51	43	
		Tamil Nadu	1.14	618	
		Puducherry	--	62	
	Modified Parbati- Kalisindh-Chambal link	MP & Rajasthan	Benefits as per MoA: MP - 6.11 Rajasthan – 4.03 Total = 10.15 lakh ha	Benefits as per MoA: MP-(71.39 drinking +21.50 industrial) = 92.9 Rajasthan –(1744.16 drinking + 205.75 industrial) = 1949.91 Total = 2043 MCM	-

	Krishna (Almatti) – Pennar link	Karnataka	0.69	464.51	----
		AP	1.57	10.1- Drinking water 22.3- Industrial	----
	Bedti - Varda link	Karnataka	1.05	38	----
	Netravati – Hemavati link	Karnataka	0.34	--	--
	Godavari (SSMP/Inchampalli) -Krishna (Pulichintala) link	Telangana & AP	TOTAL 4.74 Telangana - 0.36	Telangana- 26.8	90.0
			AP - 4.38	AP - 319.7	
10.	Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Viayawada) link (Polavaram irrigation project)	AP	4.36	665	960

11	Krishna (Srisaillam) – Pennar link	AP	1.79	58	11
	Kosi-Ghaghra link	Bihar, U.P & Nepal	Total 8.35 6.05 – Bihar	0	--
			1.20 – U.P		
			Nepal -1.10		
13	Gandak - Ganga link	U.P & Nepal	Total - 34.58 U.P -28.80 Nepal -5.78	700	4375 (Dam PH) & 180 (Canal PH)
14	Yamuna-Rajasthan link	Haryana & Rajasthan	Haryana - 0.11	30	1702
			Rajasthan- 2.40		
15	Rajasthan- Sabarmati link	Rajasthan & Gujarat	Total - 11.53 Rajasthan - 11.21	102	5126
			Gujarat- 0.32		
16	Chunar-Sone Barrage link	Bihar & U.P	Total - 0.60 Bihar - 0.10 U.P. - 0.49	--	--

17.	Ganga (Farakka) - Damodar- Subarnarekha link	W.B., Odisha& Jharkhand	W.B. -11.18 Orissa- 0.39 Jharkhand- 0.73	432	--
18.	Subarnarekha- Mahanadi link	W.B. & Odisha	Total - 2.16 W.B. - 0.18 Orissa - 1.98	198	20

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