

Detailed Project Report(s) of Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage-cum-Diversion Scheme in Nepal, jointly. In addition, JPO-SKSKI has also been entrusted the task of carrying out the Feasibility Level Study of Kamala Multipurpose (Dam) Project and the Preliminary Study of Bagmati Dam Project in Nepal.

- (c) Does not arise.

Study on inter-linking of rivers' programme

230. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has conducted study on the economic impact of Inter-Linking of Rivers' Programme;
- (b) if so, whether NCAER had completed the study and submitted its reports to the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government on the report submitted by the NCAER?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

- (b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d) The report was submitted by NCAER in April, 2008. The conclusions/recommendations given by NCAER in its report mention various benefits of Interlinking of river programme such as additional benefits of Irrigation and Power, increase in growth rate of agriculture, growth of direct & indirect employment, improvement in the quality of life of people in rural areas and mitigation of floods & drought. The recommendations also include certain action points like setting up National Commission for Basin management, improving cost recovery from irrigation projects & formation of Water Users Association. At present, no interlinking project under National Perspective Plan (NPP) is under implementation. Therefore, the stage has not come for taking decision on the action points suggested in the report.

Project report on inter-linking of rivers

231. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has spent several crores during the Eleventh Five Year Plan for the preparation of feasibility and detailed project report of river links under Inter-linking of Rivers' Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of feasibility and project report of inter-linking of rivers; and
- (d) the time by which the task of/inter-linking of rivers is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 45.45 crore during XI Plan up to 31st January, 2009 for preparation of Pre-feasibility/Feasibility/Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of river links under National Perspective Plan (NPP) and intrastate links.

- (c) NWDA after carrying out various preliminary studies has identified 30 links under National