

Use of surplus water in Tamil Nadu

3030. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaipar link project has been proposed by National Water Development agency to utilize or irrigate surplus water available in areas of Vaippar river basin in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details and funds allocated for this project; and

(c) the details of areas which are going to be benefited by this project in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Pamba-Achankovil-Vaipar link proposes to utilize the presently assessed surplus waters of Pamba and Achankovil rivers in Kerala at 75% dependability in the adjoining Vaippar basin of Tamil Nadu for irrigation and power generation. The cost of the link as per the feasibility report prepared by the National Water Development Agency is Rs. 1397.91 crore (92-93 price level).

(c) As per feasibility report the proposed water transfer link project is likely to provide annual irrigation benefit of about 91,400 ha. in the district of Tirunelveli (50,005 ha.), Chindambaranar (628 ha.) and Kamrajar (40,767 ha.) of Tamil Nadu with annual power generation benefit of about 508 MW.

Desilting of major rivers in U.P. and Delhi

† 3031. SHRI MUNAWAR HASAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Action Plan for desilting of all the major rivers of the country,

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