

(Rs. In crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Expenditure incurred during IXth Plan	Status and completion date
6.	Essential Dredging:			
	(a) for Kosi Channel	5.00	—	Not taken up yet. Model Studies to be conducted by Central Water and Power Research Station before taking up the work.
	(b) for river management LU/S and D/S of Farakka Barrage.	10.00		
7.	River behaviour studies, models, Survey and detailed investigation: mapping and updating of all requisite technical data.	5.00		
TOTAL: Rs. 130.00 crore				

An amount of Rs. 30.00 crore has been provided for 2001-2002 for the works at Sl. No. 2, 3 and 4.

Opening of river grids in floody areas

1053. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether river grids will be opened from floody areas of North East and East like Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa so that this water can flow to Western States like Saurashtra and Gujarat;

(b) whether such arrangement will also be made from North to South so that water of Ganga and other rivers could flow to South; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development prepared by Central Government in 1980 envisages inter linkages among the various Peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from presnetly assessed surplus basins like Ganga, Brahmaputra to water deficit basins like Krishna, Cauvery for the

optimum utilization of water resources. The Government of India has established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) as an Autonomous Society in July, 1982 to carry out the water balance and other studies of the National Perspective Plan. NWDA has completed water balance and prefeasibility studies of all the link proposal. NWDA has identified 30 links for preparation of the feasibility report. Implementation of such water transfer link proposals would depend on various factors like consensus among the basin States regarding the proposed transfer, preparation of detailed project reports and availability of funds etc.

Diversification of West Flowing Water

1054. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of river water flowing westwards as waste/unused to the Arabian Sea in Karnataka State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka State regularly faces water crisis particularly for agriculture and drinking water;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take steps for the diversification of west flowing water to the deficit/drought hit areas; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The average annual surface water availability in the west flowing rivers from Tapi to Kanyakumari including the west flowing rivers of Karnataka and inter-State rivers has been assessed as 200.9 Billion Cubic Meter by Central Water Commission. Owing to hilly terrain, most of the water of the rivers flows unused in the Arabian Sea.

(b) to (d) As per the study conducted by Central Water Commission, drought prone areas in the State of Karnataka has been assessed as 57,645.54 Square Kilometer. Ministry of irrigation (now Ministry of Water Resources) and Central Water Commission have formulated a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development which envisages inter linkages among the various