

River linking project

2081. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has given up the ambitious river-linking project; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

Proposals for flood control and management

2082. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain districts in the country have been adversely affected by the recent floods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the action taken by Government in this regard;
- (d) the proposal received from the various State Governments including Rajasthan for flood control and management along with their present status, State-wise; and
- (e) the funds allocated and released by Government under various schemes to the State Governments, State-wise including Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A total of 80 districts have been reported adversely affected by the recent floods. State-wise details of affected districts are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(c) to (e) The State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief measures at ground level in the wake of natural calamities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing logistic and financial support. A statement showing the allocation and release of Central Share under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) during the current year is given in Statement – II (*See below*).