

(c) Government of India is aware of the increasing water stress in the industrial sector. Specific issues regarding water supplies to industries are dealt with by the respective State Governments. Government of India has launched National Water Mission as part of the National Action Plan on Climate Change which inter-alia envisages providing incentives for water neutral and water positive technologies in industry, recycling of water including waste water and promoting water efficient technologies and water auditing in industries.

Monitoring mechanism for interlinking of rivers

†609. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has urged Government to take up a project related to national interlinking of rivers;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that under this decision the need of monitoring mechanism for this project has also been cited; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and reasons cited for setting up of monitoring mechanism under this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble supreme Court has disposed of Writ Petition (Civil) 512 of 2002 'Networking of rivers' on 27.2.2012. However, certified copy of the recent direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court has so far not been received in Ministry of Water Resources.

Rivers interlinking project

†610. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the then Central Government in 2002 had started the work on river interlinking projects in order to make the country free from the problem of drought;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the new ruling Government in the Centre in 2004 had disapproved to move ahead the work of this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Supreme Court in its Judgement recently has ordered Government to move ahead this project; and

(f) if so, the planning of Government to implement this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.