

Inter linking of rivers

922. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has moved from Feasibility Report (FR) stage to Detailed Project Report (DPR) stage in the inter linking of rivers programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANWAR LAL JAT):

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD and GR) has identified 30 links under the National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development, envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas. Based on the concurrence of the concerned States, Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for Ken-Betwa and Damanganga – Pinjal links have been completed by NWDA.

In addition, out of 46 proposals of intra-state links received by NWDA from 9 States, DPRs of two intra-state links *i.e.* Burhi Gandak-Noon-Baya-Ganga Link Project and Kosi-Mechi Link Project have been completed and sent to Government of Bihar in December, 2013 and March, 2014 respectively.

Height of Pancheshwar dam

†923. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the height of dam being constructed jointly by India and Nepal at Pancheshwar in the district of Champawat in Uttarakhand has been fixed;

(b) if so, the height in metres fixed for the dam being constructed there;

(c) whether delimitation of the villages coming under the submerged areas of dam has been conducted; and

(d) if not, by when the delimitation would be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANWAR LAL JAT): (a) and (b) The Pancheshwar Development Authority (PDA) has been constituted