

JAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Sarda River, which is known as Mahakali river in Nepal, is identified for linking with river Yamuna as Sarda-Yamuna link. Further, the Ghaghra river, which is known as Karnali river in Nepal, is also identified for linking with river Yamuna as Ghaghra- Yamuna link. Both these links are identified under the Himalayan River Component of the National Perspective Plan (NPP) which has been formulated by this Ministry in 1980 for inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/ areas.

Repair, Renovation and Restoration of water bodies in Andhra Pradesh

3303.SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no fund has been released to Andhra Pradesh for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies after 2010-11; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANWAR LAL JAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. No funds have been released to Andhra Pradesh for revival of water bodies under the scheme of Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies after 2010-11, as the State Government has not fully utilized the ₹189 crore released to them during 2010-11 till date and therefore, does not fulfill the criteria laid down in RRR guidelines for further release.

Backward irrigation district

3304.SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken a study of backward irrigation districts in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Bolangir in Odisha falls under this category; and

(c) the details of steps taken in such districts to ensure provision of irrigation facilities to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANWAR LAL JAT): (a) and (b) As per the data maintained by the Ministry of Rural Development, 972 blocks in 183 Districts are covered under the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP). Out of this, 8 Blocks of Bolangir District of Odisha are covered under DPAP.

(c) Irrigation projects are formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments themselves from their own resources. However, Central Assistance is provided in the form of central grant to the State Governments under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Command Area Development Programme (CADWM), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies. For providing the Central grant, the undivided Districts of Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK Districts) of Odisha and other DPAP areas are considered as special areas for higher grant. Under AIBP, ongoing projects and the surface Minor Irrigation schemes benefitting such areas (including MI schemes) are eligible for 90% Central Assistance. Similarly, a grant of 90% of project cost is provided for RRR of Water Bodies in such areas.

Yamuna water to Rajasthan

†3305. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rajasthan is receiving Yamuna water in less quantity; and
- (b) whether Government has issued instructions to UP and Haryana to stop unauthorized harnessing of Rajasthan's share of water, if so, the date thereof and 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) Rajasthan has not been receiving its due share of Yamuna water.

(b) States of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana have repeatedly been advised to release agreed share of water to Rajasthan from Okhla barrage and to stop unauthorized lifting of canal water by their farmers in their territories. In recent times, advisories have been issued to these States on 04.09.2014, 22.10.2014 and 18.11.2014.

Projects on inter-linking of rivers

3306.DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that two projects pertaining to inter-linking of rivers in Tamil Nadu were submitted to the Central Water Commission;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.