

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) to (c) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has identified 88 hot spot industrial clusters in the country, which includes Udham Singh Nagar in Uttar Pradesh. Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has initiated ground water pollution study in these CPCB identified 88 hot spots industrial cluster including Udham Singh Nagar. Ground water quality samples have been collected for analysis.

**Feasibility report for linking of rivers under NPP**

853. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Water Development Agency has prepared pre-feasibility/feasibility reports for linking of 30 rivers in the country under the National Perspective Plan (NPP);

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Pennar (Somasila)-Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link has also been identified for inter river basin water transfer;

(c) whether the above link would benefit the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Puducherry;

(d) if so, the present status of the project, including the allocations made and spent, so far; and

(e) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has prepared Pre-Feasibility Reports of the 30 links (16 links under Peninsular Component and 14 links under Himalayan Component) as identified under National Perspective Plan (NPP) for water resources development through inter basin transfer of water, of this Ministry. Pennar (Somasila)-Cauvery (Grand Anicut) (P-C) link is one of them. The P-C link will benefit the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Puducherry.

(d) and (e) The Feasibility Report (FR) of the P-C link has been prepared by NWDA and sent to the concerned States Governments. The planning and Detailed Project Report (DPR) of P-C link is dependent on the planning of Mahanadi - Godavari link, a mother link of 9 link systems viz., Mahanadi - Godavari - Krishna - Pennar - Palar

- Cauvery - Vaigai - Gundar linkage which has been envisaged under NPP. Efforts are on to build consensus on Mahanadi-Godavari link, which is the first and critical link of above mentioned nine river link System. Based on the suggestions of Water Resources Department, Government of Odisha, NWDA has prepared a revised preliminary proposal of Mahanadi-Godavari link Project with reduced submergence and the same has been presented to the Government of Odisha for their comments. After the finalisation of Mahanadi - Godavari Link Project proposal, NWDA will take up the preparation of Detailed Project Report of the remaining links of Mahanadi - Godavari - Krishna - Pennar - Palar -Cauvery - Vaigai - Gundar linkage in consultation with concerned States. The expenditure has been incurred for studies for establishing viability of the proposals from hydrological and technical angles. The expenditure incurred, is not maintained project-wise/State-wise.

The time-limit for the completion of individual link project can be known only after Detailed Project Reports are techno-economically approved.

#### **Ganga Rejuvenation**

854. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently announced a number of projects in connection with Ganga rejuvenation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the funds earmarked, allocated and spent since inception of the programme;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to remove encroachments along the Ganga river banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the targets set for each and every projects under the programme and for completion of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched 231 short-term to medium term projects on 7th July, 2016 under the Namami Gange programme. These projects pertain to modernization and/ or development of ghats, modernization/development of Crematoria, setting up biodiversity centres, deploying trash skimmers for river surface cleaning, setting up