

(c) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) an NGO under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has been engaged by NMCG. The details about the approved projects, including infrastructure projects, and their progress status are provided at the website of National Mission for Clean Ganga. The address of the website is "<http://www.nmcg.nic.in>".

**River front development in Delhi and other metro cities**

2071. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to develop banks of river Yamuna in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the time it is likely to take;
- (c) which are the names of other metro cities in the country identified for river front development and by when the work is likely to commence; and
- (d) whether Government has any plan for river front development of river Panchganga at Kolhapur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), as part of its entry level activities, takes up construction/renovation of ghats and crematoria at important places. River front development is also one of the components of entry level activities. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has sanctioned a project for development of Chhath Ghat on right bank of River Yamuna near ITO, New Delhi for ₹ 1.99 crore on 14th October, 2016 to the Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Delhi. This project is scheduled to be completed in 18 months. Under this project proposed development works include facilities such as sitting arrangement, green belt development, lighting, potable water supply, toilets, solid waste collection and transportation, signage, pathways & platform, installation of dustbins, changing rooms, office space, space for kiosks, DG room, repair of steps in existing ghat, O&M for 6 months, environment monitoring plan, communication, public outreach etc.

(c) One River front development project is under implementation at Patna. Among the metro cities, one River front development project is envisaged at Kolkata.

(d) Namami Gange programme is limited to River Ganga Basin in India. River Panchganga at Kolhapur does not fall under River Ganga basin and therefore there are

no plans for development of river front development of river Panchganga at Kolhapur under Namami Gange Programme.

### **Inter-linking of rivers**

2072. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has prepared feasibility and detailed project report on inter-linking of various river across the country;
- (b) if so, the present status of implementation of the Report; and
- (c) when the inter-linking of rivers 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) and (b) Under the National Perspective Plan (NPP) for water resources development through inter basin transfer of water prepared by this Ministry, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). After survey and investigations FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links in the Himalayan component have been prepared. Details of present status, States concerned and States benefited of Inter Basin Water Transfer Links are given in Statement (*See below*).

Based on the concurrence of concerned states four priority links for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been identified viz; Ken-Betwa Link Project Phase-I & II, Damanganga-Pinjal link, Par-Tapi-Narmada link and Mahanadi-Godavari link. The DPRs of Ken-Betwa Phase I & II, Damanganga-Pinjal, Par-Tapi-Narmada have been prepared and shared with the respective States. The DPR of Ken-Betwa Link Project Phase-I has been accepted by the Advisory Committee of MoWR, RD & GR subject to environment, wildlife, forest and tribal clearances. The Standing Committee for National Board for Wildlife in its meeting held on 23.08.2016 has recommended the Ken-Betwa link project (Phase-I) for wildlife clearance. The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of MoEF & CC has recommended the project for grant of environmental clearance with certain conditions in its meeting held on 30.12.2016. Ministry of Tribal Affairs has accorded tribal clearance on 04.01.2017. The Ken-Betwa Link Project was declared as National Project in 2008.

The techno-economic clearance to the Damanganga-Pinjal link project has also