

balance cost of ₹ 7158.53 crore of the irrigation component of the project as on 1.4.2014, Central Assistance (CA) of ₹ 6764.16 crore has been released to the project from time to time. Further, proposal for release of ₹ 393.51 crore was forwarded by PPA/CWC for reimbursement which was referred to Ministry of Finance. Ministry of Finance *vide* its letter dated 26th July, 2018 has sought certain clarifications majorly on two issues- (i) Audited Statement of Expenditure incurred by the State on the project till 31.03.2014, and (ii) Revised Cost Estimates (RCE) of the project at 2013-14 Price Level. The State Government has not submitted the Audited Statement in this regard. Further release of funds is dependent upon compliance by the State Government on the observations of Ministry of Finance.

### **Inter-linking of Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar rivers**

902. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments of Karnataka and Kerala have given their consent for inter-linking of Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar rivers for which Feasibility Report (FR) has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether consent for inter-linking of Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar rivers by State Government of Karnataka and Kerala was not obtained, if so, the reason therefor; and

(d) details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to obtain consensus from two State Governments of Karnataka and Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) to (d) The National Perspective Plan (NPP) was prepared by then Ministry of Irrigation [now Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR)] in August, 1980 for transferring water from water surplus basins to water-deficit basins. Under the NPP, the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component and 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). The Pre-Feasibility Reports of all the 30 links have been prepared and circulated to the concerned State Governments by the NWDA.

Under the Peninsular Component of NPP, Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-

Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar linking has been identified as the Nine Link System. Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar link project is the last leg of the Nine Link System. The present status of the links under the Nine Link System is given in the Statement (*See below*).

The Government has taken up Inter-linking of Rivers (ILR) program in a consultative manner. The MoWR, RD&GR constituted a consensus group to speed up the process of arriving at consensus among the States regarding sharing of surplus waters and preparation of Detailed Project Report. Two meetings of the consensus group were held on 23.7.2010 and 27.11.2013 on the proposal of Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar link system. The representative of Government of Kerala mentioned that no water should be transferred from Cauvery basin, being a deficit basin. Further, if the requirement of Kerala of 99TMC in Cauvery basin is considered favourably, Kerala would have no objection to further planning beyond Cauvery. The representative of Government of Kerala also mentioned that the legitimate demand of Kerala should be considered before taking up inter-basin water transfer proposals. The Government of Karnataka has also requested for equitable water availability to States through ILR schemes.

#### **Statement**

*Names of the Nine Link System under the Peninsular Component, the States involved, name of rivers and status of Feasibility*

#### *Reports/Pre-Feasibility Reports*

| Sl. No.                     | Name   | Rivers                | States concerned  | Present Status |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| 1                           | 2  | 3                     | 4   | 5              |
| <b>Peninsular Component</b> |  |                       |   |                |
| 1.                          | Mahanadi (Manibhadra)-Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link   | Mahanadi and Godavari | Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Chhattisgarh                | FR Completed   |
| 2.                          | Godavari (Inchampalli)-Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link | Godavari and Krishna  | Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh | FR Completed   |
| 3.                          | Godavari (Inchampalli)-Krishna (Pulichintala) link   | Godavari and Krishna  | -do-  | FR Completed   |
| 4.                          | Godavari (Polavaram)-Krishna (Vijayawada) link       | Godavari and Krishna  | Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Chhattisgarh                | FR Completed   |

| 1  | 2  | 3                                   | 4  | 5               |
|----|--|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 5. | Krishna (Almatti)-<br>Pennar link                          | Krishna<br>and<br>Pennar            | -do-   | FR<br>Completed |
| 6. | Krishna (Srisailem)-<br>Pennar link                        | Krishna<br>and<br>Pennar            | -do-   | FR<br>Completed |
| 7. | Krishna<br>(Nagarjunasagar)-<br>Pennar (Somasila) link     | Krishna<br>and<br>Pennar            | Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh<br>and Karnataka                       | FR<br>Completed |
| 8. | Pennar (Somasila)-<br>Palar-Cauvery (Grand<br>Anicut) link | Pennar<br>and<br>Cauvery            | Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka,<br>Tamil Nadu, Kerala and<br>Puducherry | FR<br>Completed |
| 9. | Cauvery (Kattalai)-<br>Vaigai-Gundar link                  | Cauvery,<br>Vaigai<br>and<br>Gundar | Karnataka, Tamil Nadu,<br>Kerala and Puducherry                    | FR<br>Completed |

PFR- Pre Feasibility Report.

FR- Feasibility Report.

#### **Time-frame for cleaning of river Ganga**

903. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any target time-frame to clean Ganga and other rivers in the country;

(b) whether work in progress is satisfactory and as per the set time schedule; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH):

(a) to (c) Cleaning of river is a continuous process and the Government of India is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in addressing the challenges of pollution of river Ganga (including its Tributaries and Yamuna) by providing financial and technical assistance. The Government of India has launched Namami Gange Programme covering short term, medium term and long term activities. Under short term activities certain entry level activities which cover development of ghats and crematoria and river surface cleaning activities etc. have been taken up. Under medium