

**Interlinking of Cauvery river across Tamil Nadu and Karnataka**

223. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to undertake any initiative to interlink and nationalize rivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government plans to interlink the Cauvery river across the States of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) The National Perspective Plan (NPP) was prepared by the then Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Jal Shakti) in August, 1980 for water resources development through inter basin transfer of water, for transferring water from water surplus basins to water-deficit basins. Under the NPP, the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component and 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). The details of above river linking projects *viz.*, rivers, States concerned is given in the Statement (*See* below).

No proposal is under consideration of the Central Government for nationalization of the rivers.

(c) Under the Peninsular Component of NPP, Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar linking scheme has been identified as the Nine link system. Mahanadi-Godavari is the mother link of this system. Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar link project is the last leg of the Nine link system in which the States concerned are Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry (UT). NWDA has prepared the FR of this link project during 2004 and circulated to concerned States. The quantum of water meant for diversion through the link canal mainly depends on the deliveries of surplus flows of Mahanadi and Godavari basins from the preceding upper links through the Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-Cauvery link schemes.

**Statement**

*Names of Inter Basin Water Transfer Links, the States involved, name of rivers and status of Feasibility Reports/Detailed Project Report*

Sl. No.	Name	Rivers	States concerned	Status
1	2	3	4	
<b>Peninsular Component</b>				
1.	Mahanadi (Manibhadra)-Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link	Mahanadi and Godavari	Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh	FR Com
2.	Godavari (Inchampalli)-Krishna (Pulichintala) link	Godavari and Krishna	-do-	FR Com
3.	Godavari (Inchampalli)-Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link	Godavari and Krishna	Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh	FR Com
4.	Godavari (Polavaram)-Krishna (Vijayawada) link	Godavari and Krishna	Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Chhattisgarh	FR Com
5.	Krishna (Almati)-Pennar link	Krishna and Pennar	-do-	FR Com
6.	Krishna (Srisailem)-Pennar link	Krishna and Pennar	-do-	FR Com
7.	Krishna (Nagarjunasagar)-Pennar (Somasila) link	Krishna and Pennar	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka,	FR Com
8.	Pennar (Somasila)-Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link	Pennar and Cauvery	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry	FR Com

1	2	3	4	
9.	Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar link	Cauvery, Vaigai and Gundar	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry	FR Com
10.	Ken-Betwa link	Ken and Betwa	Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh	FR and and II) C
11.	Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal link	Parbati, Kalisindh and Chambal	Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh (UP requested to be consulted during consensus building)	FR Com
12.	Par-Tapi-Narmada link	Par, Tapi and Narmada	Maharashtra and Gujarat	FR and Comple
13.	Damanganga-Pinjal link	Damanganga and Pinjal	Maharashtra and Gujarat	FR and D
14.	Bedti-Varda link	Bedti and Varda	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka	PFR Cor
15.	Netravati-Hemavati link	Netravati and Hemavati	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala	PFR Cor
16.	Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link	Pamba, Achankovil and Vaippar	Kerala and Tamil Nadu,	FR Com
<b>Himalayan Component</b>				
1.	Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga (M-S-T-G) link	Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga	Assam, West Bengal, Bihar and Bhutan	PFR com
2.	Kosi-Ghaghra link	Kosi and Ghaghra	Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Nepal	PFR com
3.	Gandak-Ganga link	Gandak and Ganga	-do-	Draft F (Indian p

4.	Ghaghra-Yamuna link	Ghaghra and Yamuna	-do-	FR comp portion)
5.	Sarda-Yamuna link	Sarda and Yamuna	Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Nepal	FR comp portion)
6.	Yamuna-Rajasthan link	Yamuna and Sukri	Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Rajasthan	Draft FR
7.	Rajasthan-Sabarmati link	Sabarmati	-do-	Draft FR
8.	Chunar-Sone Barrage link	Ganga and Sone	Bihar and Uttar Pradesh	Draft FR
9.	Sone Dam-Southern Tributaries of Ganga link	Sone and Badua	Bihar and Jharkhand	PFR com
10.	Ganga (Farakka)-Damodar- Subernarekha link	Ganga, Damodar and Subernarekha	West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand	Draft FR
11.	Subernarekha-Mahanadi link	Subernarekha and Mahanadi	West Bengal and Odisha	Draft FR
12.	Kosi-Mechi link	Kosi and Mechi	Bihar, West Bengal and Nepal	PFR com lies in N
13.	Ganga (Farakka)-Sunderbans link	Ganga and Ichhamati	West Bengal	Draft FR
14.	Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka link (Alternative to M-S-T-G)	Manas, Tista and Ganga	-do-	(Alternat T-G Link

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- PFR – Pre Feasibility Report
  - FR – Feasibility Report
  - DPR – Detailed Project Report