

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1685**  
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021

**KOSI-MECHI LINK SCHEME**

1685 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state

- (a) whether the Kosi-Mechi Link Scheme has received investment clearance and, if so, the details of estimated total project funding needed;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a similar scheme like the Ken-Betwa link project has a funding ratio of 90 per cent (Centre): 10 per cent (State);
- (c) whether Government is considering to include the Kosi-Mechi Link Scheme also as a National Project with a funding ratio of 90 per cent (Centre): 10 per cent (State) and, if not, the reasons therefor and the expected funding pattern; and
- (d) the formalities still pending and timeline for its completion?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Investment Clearance of Kosi-Mechi Link Scheme has been accorded by Investment Clearance committee of Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation under Ministry of Jal Shakti in its 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 22.10.2020. The Estimated Cost of the project as per the approved DPR of Kosi-Mechi Link Project is Rs. 4,900 Crore at Price Level 2015-16.

(b) Ken-Betwa link project (KBLP) is one of the Inter Basin Water Transfer links under National Perspective Plan (NPP). The KBLP was declared as a National Project in the year 2008. The funding pattern of this project as recommended by the Public Investment Board (PIB) is given at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d) The proposal for inclusion of Koshi-Mechi Link Scheme as National Project was received in Ministry of Jal Shakti from Government of Bihar, vide their letter dated 19.08.2020. The High Powered Steering Committee for implementation of National Projects in its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24.11.2020 has recommended Kosi-Mechi Link Project for inclusion in the Scheme of National Project as per the guidelines. As per the guidelines of National Projects, funding pattern for eight North-Eastern States & Hilly states (Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand), funding pattern is 90 (Central) : 10 (States) and for projects in other States, funding pattern is 60 (Central) : 40 (States).

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1685 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 13.12.2021 REGARDING “KOSI-MECHI LINK SCHEME”.**

**FUNDING PATTERN OF KEN-BETWA LINK PROJECT**

| <b>S.N.</b> | <b>Components</b>   | <b>Funding Pattern Sought</b>  |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1.          | Daudhan dam & Ken-Betwa link canal and their appurtenant works including cost of land acquisition and R&R excluding the power component (Core of KBLP). | <b>90 (Central Grant) :</b><br><b>10 (State Share)</b>                               |
| 2.          | State Specific Projects covering 2 new barrages of UP, Lower Orr, Kotha Barrage and Bina Complex Projects of MP   | <b>60 (Central Grant) :</b><br><b>30 (Central Loan) :</b><br><b>10 (State Share)</b> |

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