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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.04.2022

Environmental clearance for Ken Betwa River Link Project

4052. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the approval of environmental clearance for 'Ken Betwa River Link Project', whether approval has already been granted;
- (b) if so, whether the entire project has been approved; and
- (c) if not, by when this approval is likely to be granted?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c) The KenBetwa Project is a river link project is being implemented in two phases namely:

1. Ken-Betwa Link Project Phase – I
2. Ken–Betwa Link Project, Phase–II

The Ken-Betwa Link Project Phase – I comprise following components:

- i. Construction of an earth fill and concrete dam near Daudhan village on Ken river
- ii. Link canal for transferring water from Ken river to Betwa basin

The Ken–Betwa Link Project, Phase–II envisages construction of following projects:

- i. Bina Complex Multipurpose Project (32MW) at Village Chakarpur, Tehsil Sagar, District Sagar in Madhya Pradesh
- ii. Lower Orr Dam project at Village Didoni, Tehsil Chanderi, District Ashoknagar, Madhya Pradesh
- iii. Kotha Barrage major irrigation project at Village Kotha, Tehsil Kurwai, District Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh

The following projects under Ken- Betwa Link project have been granted EC under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, as amended after detailed appraisal by the EAC/SEAC constituted by the Ministry:

Phase I

- (i) Environment Clearance to Ken-Betwa Link Project Phase-I at Village Daudhan, Tehsil Bijawar, District Chhatarpurin Madhya Pradesh has been accorded by

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on 25.08.2017.

Phase II

- (i) Environment Clearance to Bina Complex Multipurpose Project (32MW) at Village Chakarpur, Tehsil Sagar, District Sagar in Madhya Pradesh has been accorded by MoEF&CC on 22.02.2017.
- (ii) Environment Clearance to Kotha Barrage major irrigation project at Village Kotha, Tehsil Kurwai, District Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh has been accorded by State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), MP on 21.08.2020.
- (iii) Lower Orr Project has been recommended by Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) in its 93rd meeting held on 02.05.2016 subject to submission of Stage-I Forest Clearance (FC) for diversion of 968.24 ha forest land involved in the project. Project Proponent submitted the Stage-I FC online on 16.10.2020 for grant of Environmental Clearance after 31 months. Accordingly, as per the provision, proposal was referred to EAC for having a re-look, EAC after considering the proposal in its 3rd meeting held on 29.10.2020 sought additional information on certain points for further consideration. The desired information has not been submitted to the Ministry.
