

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy for efficient management of water resources in North East Region in the context of inter-linking of river basins; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the main objective of the said policy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Government of India has adopted National Water Policy – 2002 which inter alia provides that water should be made available to water short areas by transfer from one river basin to another, based as a national perspective, after taking into account the requirements of the basin/areas.

The Government has formulated a proposal for inter-linking of rivers in the country. The proposal consists of two components, namely, Himalayan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular River Development Component. Apart from others, the Himalayan Component also includes a proposal for transferring surplus waters from river Brahmaputra in Assam to river Ganga in West Bengal through a link named Manas-Sankosh-Teesta-Ganga Link.