

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:940
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HARNESSING OF SURPLUS WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain States have opposed harnessing of surplus water in river basins for linking of rivers in the country; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To overcome the apprehension of the States opposing harnessing of surplus water in river basins for linking of rivers in the country, the Union Government has set-up a Task Force in December 2002 with a view to bring about a consensus among the States and provide guidance on norms of appraisal of individual projects and modalities for project funding, etc., for implementing the interlinking of rivers.