

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:963
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IDENTIFICATION OF WATER RICH AND POOR BASINS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken any steps to identify water rich and poor basins in view of linking of rivers;
- (b) if so, the details of such basins identified, State- wise;
- (c) whether the suggestions of the Government of Kerala are sought in regard to said basins; and
- (d) if so, the details including the report submitted by the Government of Kerala to the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Water Development Agency (NWD A) has conducted water balance studies and has identified 23 water surplus & 11 water deficit basins. Most of these are inter-State.

(c) & (d) The Pamba & Achankovil basins/sub-basins have been identified as water surplus basins. The Kerala Government has informed that Pamba & Achankovil rivers will be water short at the ultimate stage of development as per the study carried out by Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM), Kozhikode, Kerala.