

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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LINKING OF RIVERS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have initiated any Action Plan to link major rivers as recommended by the K.L.Rao Committee to solve the problem of certain areas facing problem of floods while other areas registered perpetual drought; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There is no Committee under the name of K.L. Rao Committee. However, Dr. K.L.Rao proposed Ganga Cauvery Link which was examined by the Central Water Commission and found to be grossly under estimated. Besides the proposal also required a large block of power and was devoid of any flood control benefits. However, the erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Water Resources) and Central Water Commission have formulated a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development which envisages inter linkages between various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins for optimum utilization of water resources. The Government of India has established National Water Development Agency as an Autonomous Society in July, 1982 to carry out the water balance and other studies of National Perspective Plan.