

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PLAN FOR CHANNELISING FLOOD WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated any comprehensive plan for channelising the frequent flood water along with excess river water to the drought prone areas in various parts of the country and to control the flood in vast tract of land; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The then Ministry of Irrigation (now Water Resources) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in August 1980. The NPP comprises two components viz. i) Peninsular Rivers Development and, ii) Himalayan Rivers Development envisaging construction of storages on various river systems along with interlinking canal systems to transfer water from water surplus areas to water deficit regions. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) under Ministry of Water Resources was set up in 1982 to study the feasibility of inter basin water transfer proposals and give a concrete shape to NPP. NWDA after various studies identified 30 links under NPP (16 Peninsular and 14 Himalayan) for preparation of feasibility reports. So far, NWDA has completed the feasibility reports for 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links under Himalayan Component.

The Inter-linking of rivers is mainly for increasing irrigation potential with the help of creation as well as integration of various storages. This will help moderation of floods to some extent as incidental benefits.