

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RIVERS LINKING PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rivers-Linking Project envisage to mitigate flood and control of erosion of rivers right from its catchment area;
- (b) if so, whether such provision is made part of the project;
- (c) if so, the specific plan mooted in this regard; and
- (d) the funding pattern and phase-wise target set to link the rivers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) Interlinking of rivers under National Perspective Plan (NPP) prepared by Ministry of Water Resources in 1980, envisages construction of storage dams. Generally the storage dams reduce the severity of floods and flood damages considerably by virtue of their capacity, and also by way of transfer of flood waters through link canals to water short basins.

(d) The question of funding and phase-wise targets for the Inter-linking of River project does not arise at this stage since Government under its Common Minimum Programme envisages a comprehensive assessment of the feasibility of linking of the rivers of the country.