

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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STUDY ON ECOLOGY OF INTER- RIVERS BASIN TRANSFER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scientific studies on the ecology of Inter- River basins transfer and related works have been conducted by National Research Institute; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) National Water Development Agency(NWDA) while preparing the feasibility reports of river link proposals carries out preliminary studies in regard to environmental, ecological and socio-economic aspects. Socio-economic and environmental studies for 9 links have been got completed by NWDA through various organizations. Further, the Government of India has constituted a Committee of Environmentalists, Social Scientists and other Experts on 28th December 2004 to advise the Government on the environmental and socio- economic issues involved in inter linking of rivers.