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India's Mega River-Linking Drive Progresses: DPRs Done For 11 Links, Rs 3,969 Crore Spent On Ken-Betwa Project So Far

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Ken-Betwa River Linking Project

The Ministry of Jal Shakti has informed the Parliament that Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been completed for 11 river-linking projects under the National Perspective Plan (NPP), a major initiative aimed at redistributing water from surplus to deficit regions across India.

These 11 link projects, identified and studied by the National Water Development Agency (NWDA), form part of the 30 interlinking proposals under the NPP, which includes 14 from the Himalayan component and 16 from the Peninsular component.

Of the 30, all have pre-feasibility reports, 26 have completed feasibility reports,

and 11 have reached the DPR stage—signifying readiness for implementation.

"The Government of India formulated the National Perspective Plan (NPP) for the Inter-Linking of Rivers (ILR) programme to facilitate the transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins and regions. The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has been entrusted with the responsibility of implementing the ILR projects under the NPP framework," Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti Raj Bhushan Choudhary [said](#) in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.

"A total of 30 ILR projects have been identified, encompassing two major components: the Himalayan Component with 14 link projects and the Peninsular Component with 16 link projects," the minister said.