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To
The Under Secretary (Co-ord.),
Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR,
‘B’ Wing, Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi


Sir,

Kindly refer to the cited letter on the above subject. As desired, the updated information/comments in respect of the issue No. CSC/TN/109 upto June, 2018 is enclosed for your perusal please.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

Copy for information to:

1. The Senior Joint Commissioner (BM), Room no. 207, Block –III, 2nd Floor, BM Section, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
2. Director (MDU), NWDA, New Delhi.
Interlinking of Rivers: (i) Interlinking of Peninsular Rivers: The Government of Tamil Nadu has been urging the Government of India to implement the Interlinking of the Rivers Mahanadhi Godavari Krishna Pennar-Palar-Cauvery and then on to Gundar as also the diversion of waters of the west flowing rivers of Pamba and Achankovil to Vaippar in Tamil Nadu under the Vaippar in Tamil Nadu under the Peninsular Rivers Development Component. The Special Committee for interlinking of rivers should be activated. (ii) The proposal to divert the flood waters of Cauvery to drought prone areas by linking the Rivers Cauvery Vaigai Gundar at a cost of Rs. 5166 crores which was kept pending and later returned by the previous Central Government may be approved expeditiously. (iii) Pennaiyar (Sathanur Dam) Palar link scheme and Pennaiyar Nedungal Anicut Palar Link at an estimate cost of Rs. 500 crores may be expedited. (iv) Athikadavu Avinashi Flood Canal Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 1862 crores may be sanctioned. Under Implementation

Submitted By Submitted On

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU 26/05/2015 (K.Gnanadesikan Chief Secretary)

Fourteen meeting of Special Committee on ILR have been held so far. The consensus issues pointed out by representatives of States have been discussed in the meetings and further course of action is taken up under the guidance of Special Committee of ILR.

The Government of India is trying to build consensus for preparation of DPR of Mahanadi-Godavari link, a mother link of 9 link system viz. Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-Palar-Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar links with concerned States. Till the consensus on surplus water of Mahanadi & Godavari is reached, Government proposes to take up DPR of alternative study of Godavari-Cauvery link for which a draft MoA has been sent to party States of Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu on 15.02.2018. Hon’ble Minister(WR,RD&GR) convened a meeting with Hon’ble Minister for Water Resources, Govt of Chhattisgarh on 17.05.2018 for concurrence of their State to divert the unutilized water share of Chhattisgarh State in Indravati sub-basin of Godavari basin (as per GWDT Award) through the link project. DPR works have been initiated for this link proposal.

Cauvery-Gundar Link Canal Scheme, Pennaiyar (Sathanur Dam)- Palar link scheme and Athikadavu- Avinashi Flood Canal Scheme do not pertain to NWDA, Hence, no comments to offer in this regard

Pennaiyar(Nedungal Anicut)-Palar link:
As per the request of Government of Tamil Nadu, NWDA has completed the draft DPR of Pennaiyar (Nedungal Anicut)-Palar link project and will be finalised shortly.

Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link
Government of Kerala is not in favour of the proposal of the diversion of water from the Pamba and Achankovil rivers to the Vaippar basin in Tamil Nadu on the basis of the feasibility report of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link prepared by the NWDA in June 1995. The concern was reflected in the discussions in the Kerala Legislative Assembly on 06.08.2003. The House unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Central Government to give up the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link project completely. As a result, no further progress regarding the preparation of DPR could be taken place in respect of the above link.

During the recent Regional Conference of Southern States on Water Resources held on 20.02.2018 at Hyderabad, it was advised to mutually discuss the issue of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link project at Chief Minister level meeting of both the States.