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To

Under Secretary (Co-ordination),
Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR,
‘B’ Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi


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Sir,

Please refer to MoWR, RD&GR Letter No. F.No.12011/6/2017-Co-ordination Section, dated 25.10.2017 on the subject cited above. The updated status information/comments in respect of the issue No.CSC/TN/147 of e-samiksha upto December, 2017 is enclosed for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: As above

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## Issue Description

**WATER RESOURCES ISSUE: INTER-LINKING OF PENINSULAR RIVERS:** Under the Peninsular Rivers Development Component, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been urging the Government of India to implement the interlinking of the Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-Palar-Cauvery-Vaigai Rivers and further with the Gundar River and also the diversion of surplus waters of the west flowing Pamba and Achankovil Rivers to Vaippar in Tamil Nadu.

Based on the Supreme Court Order dated 27.2.2012 and persistent requests from Government of Tamil Nadu, the Government of India constituted the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers. Though the Special Committee has held 9 meetings so far, not much headway has been made in the feasibility report of the 9 link system viz., Mahanadi – Godavari – Krishna – Pennar – Palar – Cauvery – Vaigai – Gundar linkage have been prepared by NWDA and sent to concerned States Govts. The planning and DPR of 9 link system is critically dependent on the planning of Mahanadi – Godavari link, a mother link of 9 link system. The Detailed Project Report of the Mahanadi – Godavari link could not be taken up as the Govt. of Odisha is not agreeable to this link Project due to large submergence of Manibhadra dam/reservoir and to the water balance and quantum of water to be diverted.

Based on the suggestions of WRD, Govt. of Odisha, NWDA has prepared a preliminary revised proposal of Mahanadi- Godavari Link Project with reduced submergence and has been submitted to the State Govt. of Odisha. Also a presentation on the revised proposal of Mahanadi-Godavari Link Project has been made to the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Odisha on 29.05.2015 by the senior officers of MoWR, RD & GR. The water balance study of Mahanadi basin has been carried out by NIH, Roorkee and submitted the draft report which was presented in the ninth meeting of the Sub-Committee on System Studies for identification of most appropriate alternative plan (Sub-Committee-II) held on 30.08.2016. Revised report was further discussed in the 10th meeting of Sub-Committee-II held on 03.03.2017 and finalized.

Hon’ble Minister (WR, RD & GR) held a meeting with the Chief Minister of Odisha on 3.2.2016 at Bhubaneswar regarding Mahanadi- Godavari link project. A positive response is expected from Govt. of Odisha in this regard.

A Joint Committee of Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR and Water Resources Departments, Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha has been set up vide MoWR, RD & GR letter dated 26th April, 2016 to speed up the process of having consensus on the planning and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Mahanadi-Godavari link and to resolve the issues related to Polavaram Project. The first meeting of the Committee was held on 2nd June 2016 at New Delhi under the chairmanship of Special Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR.