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To

The Senior Joint Commissioner (BM),  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, BM Section, MoWR,Rd&GR,  
CGO Complex, New Delhi.

**Sub: E-Samiksha of Central State Coordination TN/144,TN/145,TN/146 & TN/147-  
regarding.**

Sir,

Please refer to MoWR, RD & GR letter No. 11/7/2016-BM/23/30 dated 04.07.2016 on the subject cited above. The updated status information/comments in respect of the issue No.CSC/TN/147 of e-samiksha up to July, 2017 is enclosed for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosure : As above

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UID	Issue Description	Submitted By Submitted On	Updated Status
CSC/TN/ 147	<p>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</p>	<p>GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU 27/06/2016 (K.Gnandesikan, Chief Secr`etary)</p>	<p>Under the Peninsular Rivers Development Component of National Perspective Plan 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.</p> <p>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 &amp; 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 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of Sub-Committee-II held on 03.03.2017 and finalized.</p> <p>Hon'ble Minister (WR,RD&amp;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.</p> <p>A Joint Committee of Ministry of Water Resources, RD&amp;GR and Water Resources Departments, Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha has been set up vide MoWR,RD &amp;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&amp;GR.</p> <p>After the finalisation of Mahanadi – Godavari Link Project proposal, NWDA will take</p>

	<p>the matter of inter-linking of rivers. Government of India is requested to nationalise all inter-State Rivers, so that water resources of the Country can be optimally utilized.</p>		<p>up the remaining links of Godavari – Krishna – Pennar – Palar – Cauvery – Vaigai – Gundar linkage in consultation with concerned States.</p> <p><b>Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link</b></p> <p>Government of Kerala is not in favour of the proposal of the National Water Development Agency for 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 National Water Development Agency 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 Govt. to give up the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link project completely. As a result, no further progress regarding the preparation of DPR could take place in respect of the above link.</p> <p>As far as National Water Development Agency (NWDA) is concerned, there is no proposal for Nationalisation of all Inter-State Rivers.</p>
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