

Damanganga-Pinjal Link Project

Damanganga-Pinjal Link Project is envisaged to divert surplus waters of Damanganga river at Bhugad and Khargihill reservoir to Pinjal reservoir in Vaitarna basin (proposed by Government of Maharashtra) from where the combined waters of Damanganga and Pinjal rivers will be further taken to Mumbai city for augmentation of its domestic water supply. The proposed storage reservoirs in Damanganga-Pinjal link project will provide additional 1586 MLD (579 Mm³) of water from Bhugad and Khargihill reservoirs in Damanganga basin to Pinjal reservoir in Vaitarna Basin and about 865 MLD (316 Mm³) of water from Pinjal reservoir (a separate project of Government of Maharashtra in Vaitarna basin) for augmentation of domestic water supply to Mumbai city. Thus, the total water supply from Damanganga – Pinjal link and Pinjal project shall be 2451 MLD (895 Mm³) along with generation of 5MW of hydropower. The total cost of Damanganga – Pinjal link project has been estimated to Rs. 3008 crores at 2015-16 price level.

Clearances Required:

The Damanganga-Pinjal link project will require the following clearances:

S.No.	Clearance	Status of clearances
i.	Techno Economic Clearance	The techno-economic clearance has been accorded by Advisory Committee of MoJS during July 2016.
ii.	Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Tribal Population	Clearance from Ministry of Tribal Affairs is yet to be obtained.

The project being a drinking water supply project does not come under the provision of EIA Notifications, 2006, as such environmental clearance is not required. Based on the above clearances, investment clearance will be accorded by the NITI Ayog.

Status of the link project: The Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Damanganga-Pinjal link project has been completed by NWDA in March, 2014 and submitted to Government of Maharashtra and Gujarat. Draft MoU for Damanganga-Pinjal link projects has been sent to Govt. of Maharashtra and Gujarat in 2018 and in 2020. Efforts to build consensus among party States for signing of MoA are under progress. On signing of MoA for the implementation of these link projects, process for approval of PIB and Cabinet for central funding of the projects shall be taken up.