

## Ken-Betwa Link Project

The Ken- Betwa link is the first link under NPP benefiting Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh is ready for implementation. The total annual irrigation by Ken-Betwa Link Project is estimated to be 10.62 lakh ha out of which 8.11 lakh ha lies in Chhattarpur, Tikamgarh, Panna, Damoh, Vidisha, Sagar, Datia, Raisen and Shivpuri districts of Madhya Pradesh and 2.51 lakh ha lies in Jhansi, Lalitpur, Mahoba and Banda districts of Uttar Pradesh. In addition, the link project will provide domestic water supply for 62 lakh (MP-41 lakh, UP-21 lakh) population and will also generate 103 MW of Hydro and 27 MW of Solar power. The total cost of the project is Rs.44,605 crore at 2020-21 price level.

Most of the statutory clearances for its implementation have been obtained except the stage-II forest clearance for Daudhan dam and TAC/investment clearances for phase-II projects of the KBLP. The status of clearances of the project is as tabulated below:

S.No.	Project	Status of Clearances
1.	<b>KBLP, Phase-I (includes Daudhan dam and its appurtenant works):</b>	Techno-economic clearance obtained. Environment Clearance (EC), Wildlife Clearance, Forest Land Diversion Clearance (Stage-I), Clearance from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and Investment Clearance have been obtained. Stage-I Forest Clearance has been obtained. Stage-II Forest Clearance is yet to be received. The works on fulfilling the conditions stipulated in the in principle Forest Clearance like handing over of identified revenue land to PTR and transfer of requisite amount to CAMPA Fund for compensatory Afforestation and NPV etc have been initiated.
2.	<b>KBLP, Phase-II (includes Lower Orr, Kotha Barrage and Bina Complex Multipurpose Project)</b>	Techno-economic clearance obtained.
	Lower Orr project:	Environmental Clearance for Lower Orr Dam project was accorded in 93rd meeting of EAC held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2016. However, due to delay in Stage-I Clearance within the stipulated time, Environmental Clearance needs to be revalidated based on the latest data. The updated study is complete and shall be submitted shortly The MoTA clearance, Stage-I and Stage-II forest land diversion clearance have been accorded.
	Kotha Barrage	The environmental clearance of Kotha Barrage has been accorded. There is no forest land diversion involved in the projects. No displacement of population is involved.

	Bina Complex Multipurpose Project	The environmental clearance and Stage - I & II forest clearances have been accorded. Action for obtaining the clearance in respect of R&R of Tribal population from MoTA is in process.
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A tripartite agreement has been signed amongst states of MP and UP and Central Govt, for the implementation of Ken-Betwa Link project on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021 in the august presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. The appraisal for funding the project on 90 (C): 10(S) and setting up a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) i.e. Ken Betwa Link Project Authority for the implementation of the project has been completed by Public Investment Board (PIB), Ministry of Finance. Based on the PIB recommendations, a Cabinet Note for central funding and for setting up of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) was submitted to the Cabinet for approval. The Union Cabinet has approved implementation of Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP) as a National Project with total estimated cost of Rs. 44,605 crore (2020-21 price level) with central support of Rs. 39,317 crore and setting up of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) viz., Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA), for implementation of KBLP on 08<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Further allocation of Rs 4,300 crore in RE 2021-22 and Rs 1,400 crore in the financial year 2022-23 have been made in the Union Budget for Ken-Betwa link Project.

Preparatory activities like formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), identification and gazette notifications of land to be acquired, providing funds for land acquisition, compensatory afforestation and NPV, preparation of working DPR for construction purpose, finalising the activity wise plan for the execution of the projects etc. have been initiated for the main component of the project i.e. Daudhan dam, Ken-Betwa link canal and their appurtenant works. The work on state specific components like Lower Orr, Kotha Barrage and Bina Complex Multipurpose Project is already in progress.

The project is planned to be completed in 8 years.