

Committee of Experts:

A committee of Environmentalists, Social Scientists and other Experts on Interlinking of Rivers has been constituted by MoWR in December 2004. The Committee is constituted with a view to make the process of proceedings on Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) in a fully consultative manner with the following composition and terms of reference:

Composition:

1.	Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Chairman
2.	Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi	Member
3.	Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Member
4.	Chairman, Central Water Commission, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Member
5.	Shri Z. Hasan, Former Secretary (WR), GOI, Noida.	Member
6.	Shri A.C. Kamraj Chairman, NAWAD Council, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.	Member
7.	Shri P. Sen, Rtd. Member, Central Water Commission, Kolkata, West Bengal	Member
8.	Shri Rajinder Singh, Noted Sociologist, Alwar, Rajasthan	Member
9.	Dr. Ms Mala Kapur Shankardass, Chairperson, Development Welfare and Research Foundation, New Delhi	Member
10.	Dr. Ashok Khosla President, Development Alternatives, New Delhi	Member
11.	Prof. M.N. Madhyastha, Environmentalist, Centre for Ecological & Environment Studies, Mangalore University, Karnataka	Member
12.	Director General, National Water Development Agency, New Delhi.	Member- Secretary

Terms of Reference:

The Committee will advise the Government on the following aspects of the proposed project.

- Environmental and socio-economic issues covered in the Term of Reference (TOR) for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) finalized by the Task Force.
- Rehabilitation & Resettlement package for the persons affected by ILR programme keeping in view the national R&R policy and structure of the agency for its implementation.
- Additional studies needed to be carried out, to address any other concerns in the ILR Programme.
- Impacts of proposed inter basin transfer of water links on settlements, occupations and other socio-economic activities, while preparing the DPRs.
- Adoption of appropriate measures for optimum utilizations of transferred water especially in the water short basins while preparing the various DPRs.

First meeting of the Committee was held on 18-1-2005