

## Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP)

KBLP is the first Inter-linking of Rivers (ILR) project which is under implementation. This project envisages diversion of surplus water of Ken basin to water deficit Betwa basin. KBLP is a multi-purpose project with irrigation, hydropower and water supply benefits.

Its main components include Daudhan dam, Ken-Betwa link canal and its appurtenant works (Phase-I) and three more projects i.e. Lower Orr, Kotha Barrage and Bina Complex Multipurpose Project (Phase-II). The project also includes 2 new barrages and renovation of existing tanks in KBLP command in Mahoba district of UP.

A tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed among the party States of UP and MP with Union Government on 22.03.2021 for implementation of the project. The Govt. of India has approved the implementation of KBLP on 07.12.2021 with an estimated cost of Rs. 44,605 crore (year 2020-21 price level) with Central support of Rs. 39,317 crore through a Special Purpose Vehicle viz.; Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA). Vide Gazette Notification dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022, a Steering Committee and Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) for the implementation of KBLP jointly by Government of India and State Governments of MP and UP have been constituted. ***The project is planned to be completed by March, 2030.***

A provision of Rs. 2400 crore has been kept in the year 2025-26 in the Union budget for KBLP. Total expenditure of Rs. 11379.74 crore (upto 31.07.2025) has been made on the project with expenditure of Rs. 8611.88 crore by Centre.

***Honourable Prime Minister has laid the foundation stone for the project on 25.12.2024.***

### Project Objectives/Benefits:

- The project will provide annual irrigation to an area of 10.62 lakh ha (8.11 lakh ha in MP and 2.51 lakh ha in UP) benefitting districts of Chhattarpur, Tikamgarh, Niwari, Panna, Damoh, Vidisha, Sagar, Datia, Raisen, Shivpuri in Madhya Pradesh and Jhansi, Mahoba, Lalitpur and Banda districts of Uttar Pradesh. Additional irrigation of 1.26 Lakh ha from two Barrages of UP.
- The project will provide 194 MCM of water for enroute drinking water supply to a population of 62 lakh (41 lakh in MP and 21 lakh in UP).
- The project will also generate 103 MW of hydropower and 27 MW of solar power.

### Present Implementation Status:

#### Phase-I

- 1. Status of Land Acquisition of Daudhan Dam:** The PTR Authorities have accepted total 6017 ha non-forest land Transferred/ Mutated by respective Collectors against desired 6017 ha forest land. 100% land under submergence has been transferred to WRD, MP. Land acquisition for K-B Link Canal is in progress.
- 2. Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R) under Daudhan Dam** is under progress.

**3. Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP)** had been prepared by Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and ILMP is proposed to be implemented through various stakeholders under guidance of Greater Panna Landscape Council (GPLC).

GPLC under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of MP has been constituted for the implementation of ILMP systematically on 27.02.2023 and the same was reconstituted on 16.10.2023. A sub-committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of APCCF (WL), Govt. of MP on 04.09.2023 and was reconstituted on 16.10.2023.

**4. Tender for Daudhan Dam and Its Appurtenant Works:** After finalization of tender document for Daudhan dam and its Appurtenant works (EPC mode) by Technical Advisory Group of KBLP and Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC) and subsequent approval by Ministry of Jal Shakti, the work of Daudhan dam has been awarded to M/s NCC Ltd. on 28.11.2024. M/s AFRY has been approved by KBLPA as sub-contractor for Design. Letter of Commencement was issued on 06.03.2025. Preliminary work is in progress and progress report is being sent to MoJS on regular basis.

**5. Engagement of Project Management Consultancy (PMC):** Work of PMC services has been awarded to the JV of M/s Tractebel Engineering Pvt. Ltd. & M/s LEA Associates South Asia Pvt. Ltd. on 30.05.2025.

**6. Status of State Specific Works:** Some of the DPRs of MP & UP have been completed and remaining DPRs are under progress.