

Godavari (Inchampalli) – Cauvery (Grand Anicut) Link Project

The Godavari (Inchampalli) – Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link comprises of three links namely Godavari(Inchampalli) – Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link, Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) – Pennar (Somasila) link and Pennar (Somasila) – Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link. This link project traverses through Godavari, Krishna, Pennar, Palar and Cauvery basins and lies in the States of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The link is envisaged for diversion of 7000 MCM (247 TMC) of water annually from Godavari basin to Krishna, Pennar and Cauvery basins and would provide Annual irrigation of 9.44 lakh hectares. The cost of the project is Rs. 85962.36 crore at 2020-21 price level.

Clearances required for the project

S. No.	Clearance	Status of clearances
(i)	Techno-economic	Yet to be processed and obtained
(ii)	Forest Clearance	Yet to be processed and obtained
(iii)	Environmental clearance	Yet to be processed and obtained
(iv)	R & R Plan of Tribal population	Yet to be processed and obtained

Status of the link: Draft DPR of Godavari(Inchampalli)-Cauvery(Grand Anicut) link project consisting of 3 links viz., Godavari (Inchampalli)-Krishna (Nagarjunasagar), Krishna (Nagarjunasagar)- Pennar (Somasila) and Pennar (Somasila)- Cauvery(Grand Anicut) link projects has been completed and circulated to the party States/UT in March, 2019 for their views. The DPR has been modified incorporating the views/suggestions of the States/UT to the extent feasible and circulated again to party States/UT during April 2021.

Now efforts are being made to build consensus amongst States and reach an understanding/agreement for the implementation of this link. Thereafter, further necessary action for seeking various clearances for the link project can be initiated. The 2nd consultation meeting with party States/UT was held on 29.10.2021 and the States/UT were requested to confirm or supplement the details of projects incorporated in the DPR, suggestions on link alignment and command areas considered in the project. The issue was also deliberated in 35th AGM of NWDA held on 12.11.21 and 19th Meeting of Governing Body of NWDA, held on 19.01.2022. NWDA is proposed to convene a meeting of all stake holders of link project in physical mode shortly focusing on finalizing hydrology and resolving the other issues.