

## **Kosi- Mechi Intra State Link Project**

The DPR of Kosi – Mechi intra-State link project was completed and sent to Govt. of Bihar in March 2014. The link envisages diversion of additional 148 cumecs of water from Eastern Kosi Head Regulator for irrigating 214, 812 ha area in Araria, Purnia, Kishanganj and Katihar districts of Bihar. The cost of the project is Rs. 4,900 Crore at 2015-16 Price Level. The High Power Steering Committee for implementation of National Projects has recommended this link for inclusion in the scheme of National Projects in year 2020.

### **Clearances:**

The techno-economic clearance by the Advisory Board of MoJS was also accorded in July 2016. The environmental clearance for the project was accorded on 01.08.2019 by MoEF& CC. The investment clearance from Ministry of Jal Shakti has also been accorded on 22.10.2020.

### **Status:**

The project is ready for implementation. Govt. of Bihar has been requested to take up the implementation of the project. NWDA shall provide requisite support to the State in the implementation of the link project.

Recently, Govt. of Bihar has requested NWDA to take the work of preparation of Working DPR for the implementation of project. The issue is being discussed with State authorities and work of preparation of Working DPR, which primarily involves carrying out remaining survey and investigations, revising the cost estimate, pre-construction preparatory works etc., are being taken up by NWDA on consultancy basis.