

Ken-Betwa Link Project

Background

A tripartite MoU for the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Ken-Betwa Link Project was signed amongst the Union of India, Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on 25.8.2005. The DPR of Ken-Betwa Link Project Phase-I was completed by National Water Development Agency (NWDA) and in April, 2010. Subsequently, DPR for Phase-II of the project was completed in January, 2014. A tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for implementation of the Ken-Betwa Link Project was signed by the Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti on 22.03.2021 in the august presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

Techno-Economic Clearance and other Statutory Clearances

The chronology of various clearances in respect of Ken-Betwa Link Project Phase-I & II is tabulated below:

Sl. No.	Clearance	Chronology and current status
I.	Ken-Betwa Link Project Phase-I (Daudhan Dam)	
1.	Techno-economic Clearance by Advisory Committee, MoWR, RD & GR	Techno-economic clearance to the project recommended by the Advisory Committee of MoWR, RD & GR headed by Secretary (WR, RD & GR) in its 129 th meeting held on 08.07.2016.
2.	Statutory Clearances	
i)	Wildlife Clearance	Standing Committee of NBWL of MoEF & CC chaired by Hon'ble Minister (EF&CC) recommended the project for accord of Wildlife Clearance in its 39 th meeting held on 23.08.2016. Clearance was accorded on 21.09.2016.
ii)	Clearance from Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)	MoTA has accorded the clearance on 04.01.2017.
iii)	Review by Central Empowered Committee (CEC) constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India	The CEC considered the proposal in its meeting held on 01.05.2017. The committee requested for additional information to examine the proposal, which has been submitted on 23.5.2017. It is being pursued from time-to-time.
iv)	Forest Land Diversion Clearance	Stage-I Clearance/In-principle Approval has been granted by MoEF&CC on 25.05.2017 with certain conditions.
v)	Investment Clearance	The Investment Clearance has been accorded by MoWR, RD & GR on 19.06.2017.
vi)	Environmental Clearance	Environmental Clearance has been granted by MoEF&CC on 25.08.2017 with certain conditions.

II.	Ken-Betwa Link Project Phase-II (Lower Orr Project, Kotha Barrage Project, Bina Complex Multipurpose Project)	
1.	Lower Orr Project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Techno economic clearance has been accorded on 02.11.2021. 2. The project has been recommended by Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of MoEF&CC for Environmental Clearance on 02.05.2016. Final clearance is awaited. 3. Clearance from MoTA has been accorded for R&R plan with certain conditions on 03.10.2018. 4. Stage-I Forest clearance has been accorded by MoEF&CC on 12.02.2019. 5. Stage-II forest clearance was accorded on 06.05.2021.
2.	Kotha Barrage Project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Techno economic clearance has been accorded. 2. Environmental Clearance has been accorded by State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority of Govt. of MP on 21.08.2020.
3.	Bina Complex Multipurpose Project	<p>Techno economic clearance has been accorded on 22.11.2021. Environmental Clearance has been granted by MoEF&CC on 22.07.2017 with certain conditions. Stage-I Forest Clearance have been accorded by MoEF&CC on 27.07.2016. Stage-II Forest Clearance have been accorded by MoEF&CC on 11.07.2018.</p>

i)	Funding Pattern i.e. approval from PIB / Cabinet Note	PIB approval from Ministry of Finance 16.11.2021.
ii)	Approval from Union Cabinet	Approval from Union Cabinet on 08.12.2021.
iii)	Gazette Notification	Gazette Notification for the constitution of the Steering Committee and KBLPA published by MoJS on 11.02.2022.