

National Water Development Agency (NWDA)

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The government recently mentioned that the draft detailed project report (DPR) for connecting Godavari and Cauvery rivers has been prepared. The draft report was prepared by the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) a Central government organization entrusted with the task of preparing proposals for linking rivers.



About NWDA and its function

- NWDA was set up in July 1982 as Autonomous Society under the societies registration act 1860, to carry out the water balance and other studies on a scientific and realistic basis for optimum utilization of water resources of the Peninsular river system for preparation of feasibility reports and thus to give concrete shape to Peninsular river development component of National perspective plan prepared by Central Water Commission and the then Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Jal Shakti, DoWR, RD & GR).
- **In the year 1990**, NWDA was also entrusted with the **task of the Himalayan Component of National Perspective Plan**.
- In 2006, it was decided that NWDA will explore the feasibility of intra-states links and to take up the work for the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of river link proposals under the National Perspective Plan (NPP).
- **The functions of NWDA were further modified vide MoWR resolution dated in the year 2011** to undertake the work

of preparation of DPRs of intra-State links.

- Recently in October 2016, the **functions of NWDA were further modified to undertake the implementation of ILR projects and completion of water resources projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)** and to act as a repository of borrowed fund or loan from Banks / other institutions for the execution of projects.