



Ken-Betwa Link Project

Why in News?

- Recently, a **Steering Committee and Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA)** have been **constituted by the Central Government to implement the Ken-Betwa Link Project (Uttar Pradesh-Madhya Pradesh)** under the **National River Linking Policy**.

Key Points

- This 20-member committee **will be headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti. The Chief Engineer of National Water Development Authority will be its member secretary.**
- The Steering Committee will ensure compliance with the provisions of the MoU, approve fundamental administrative policies, bye-laws and norms for the KBLPA, approve and examine its annual budget, financial statements, and decide on its obligations and loan proposals.
- As per the notification issued by the government, **Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority will be responsible for execution of Daudhan Dam, Power House, Ken-Betwa Link Water Carrier Canal, Tunnel, Lower Project, Kotha Barrage and Bina Complex Multipurpose Project.**
- The KBLPA will be **headed by a Chief Executive Officer** of the rank of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.
- The Ken-Betwa link project covers **13 districts of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh**. These include **9 districts of Madhya Pradesh - Panna, Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur, Sagar, Damoh, Datia, Vidisha, Shivpuri and Raisen**. There are **Banda, Mahoba, Jhansi and Lalitpur districts of Uttar Pradesh**.
- With this entire scheme, about **10 lakh hectares of land will be irrigated** in all these districts and **62 lakh people will get clean drinking water**. Under this project, **103 MW hydro power and 27 MW solar plant** will also be built.