

NARMADA – KSHIPRA LINK PROJECT

(Brief introduction)

The Malwa region of M.P. had been reeling under acute water scarcity since about 3 decades. The ground water was plummeting at fast pace and experts had opined that if such conditions prevails, the whole Malwa region shall transform into a desert.

The life line of M.P.-Narmada was the only option to feed the water to Malwa but being the Malwa plateau about 400m higher than the Narmada river valley the idea of lifting Narmada water to the Malwa plateau was considered difficult. The Chief Minister MP Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan was highly concerned about the dearth of availability of water in Malwa. He expressed his concerns for the people of Malwa time and again.

Malwa region was once known for its well established industries but water scarcity has also adversely affect industries too. CM made it a point to bring Narmada water to Malwa and asked the deptt of Narmada Valley Development to prepare a project which can bring the Narmada water to the Malwa in minimum possible time.

The NVDA prepared a project report of Narmada Kshipra Simhastha Link Project under which 5 cumecs of water was proposed to be lift from the nearest point. The approval of project was given by the CM on the August 8 2012 and official sanction for Rs. 432 Crore was accorded on October 12 2012 to complete the project. The former deputy PM Mr. L K Advani laid the foundation stone of the project on November 29 2012. With strategic approach, the project has been completed within the record period of 14 months.

The Narmada water has joined the river kshipra at its origin near village Ujjaini,dist. Indore on February 6 2014 which was also the day of Narmada jayanti. The project has been dedicated to people of Malwa on Feb.25 2014.