



Online Portal for Registration of Colonizers | Madhya Pradesh | 16 Feb 2022

Why in News?

- On February 15, 2022, **Madhya Pradesh's Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh** launched the online portal for registration.

Key Points

- Through this online portal, **colonizers will now be able to do construction work in the entire state on a single registration**. Colonizers will get relief from registering in different urban bodies. Along with this, the relevant certificates will be issued within the time limit of 30 days.
 - The Urban Development and Housing Minister said that the online registration will make all the process simpler and the development of the state would accelerate. It is noteworthy that the State Government has also made provisions for regularization of illegal colonies through **Madhya Pradesh Municipality Colony Development Rules 2021**.
 - The facility of application will be available on **e-municipal portal, MP Urban website, e-service portal**. It will facilitate online payment of registration fee, tracking application status, online document uploading, online approval process, digitally signed certificates, information to the applicant through SMS and WhatsApp, facility to provide certificates through WhatsApp.
 - The new integrated registration of colonizers will now be done online at the Directorate level, which will be valid for all municipal bodies.
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Ken-Betwa Link Project | Madhya Pradesh | 16 Feb 2022

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.

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