

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*138**  
ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021

**CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM FOR IRRIGATION AT NARSINGHPUR, M.P.**

**\*138 SHRI KAILASH SONI**

Will the Minister of *JAL SHAKTI* be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the construction of a dam for proposed Small Irrigation Scheme under the Babai Chichali development block of Narsinghpur district at Madhya Pradesh (M.P.)
- (b) by when the work would start and
- (c) the reasons for not starting the work?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF STARRED QUESTION No. \*138 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.08.2021 REGARDING “CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM FOR IRRIGATION AT NARSINGHPUR, M.P.” BY SHRI KAILASH SONI**

(a) to (c) Irrigation projects are planned, implemented and managed by the concerned State Governments, as per their own resources and priorities. Role of Government of India is limited to providing technical support, and partial financial support in some cases, as per the norms of the existing schemes being implemented by Government of India. Though techno-economic viability for the Major and Medium Irrigation projects on inter-state river systems is to be appraised by Central Water Commission (CWC) under Ministry of Jal Shakti, for minor irrigation schemes this mandate also lies with the State Governments themselves.

Water Resources Department (WRD) and Narmada Valley Development Authority (NVDA), Government of Madhya Pradesh, have informed that currently, no such dam for small irrigation scheme is being constructed or proposed in Babai or Chichali development blocks of Narsinghpur district at Madhya Pradesh.

NWDA has, however, informed that a major project, namely Shakkar Pench Link Joint Project on river Shakkar near Hathnapur village in Narsinghpur District of Madhya Pradesh, is at planning stage. The project envisages irrigation of 95,839 ha of land through pressurised pipe system, by creating a storage of 370.47 million Cubic Meters (MCM). The proposed command of the project includes Chichali and Saikhera development blocks of Narsinghpur District, and Amarwada development block of Chhindwada District of Madhya Pradesh.

It is further informed by NVDA that the project was approved by the State Government in May, 2020 for an estimated cost of Rs. 3,381.80 crore at 2017 price level. Thereafter, in March, 2021, the cost of the project has been revised to Rs. 4,434.02 crore, with updation of price level and also inclusion of some additional components.

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