

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2979**

ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

**APPROVAL OF IRRIGATION SCHEMES**

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

- (a) whether Government has approved the construction of embankment on the river Sikarahana (West Champaran and East Champaran) in the State of Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has approved the construction of East Gandak Canal System (Phase II);
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has approved the North Koel Reservoir Project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) & (b):** Flood management including erosion control falls within the purview of the States. Flood management and anti-erosion projects are formulated and implemented by concerned State Governments as per their priority. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical guidance and also promotional financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas. The State Government of Bihar has informed that a project named “Construction of embankment on the right bank of Sikarahana river in a length of 56.56 KM from Chanpatiya to Kataha in West Champaran and East Champaran District” has been contemplated with an estimated cost of Rs. 249.98 Crore and action for taking requisite approvals has been initiated.

**(c) & (d):** The State Government of Bihar has accorded approval for undertaking the balance works of the East Gandak Canal System (Phase II) project at an estimated cost of Rs. 1783.33 Crores under the State Plan. Currently construction of main canal from 790.00 to 909.40 RD is underway which includes construction and lining work of 36.402 km of new main canal, related structures and outlets.

**(e) & (f):** Union Cabinet in August, 2017 has approved the proposal for completion of balance works of North Koel Reservoir Project at an estimated cost of Rs 1622.27 crore during three financial years from the start of the project. The project on completion will provide irrigation benefit to 111,521 hectares of land annually in drought prone areas of Aurangabad and Gaya districts of Bihar and Palamau and Garwa districts of Jharkhand. Project also has the provision for supply of 44 MCM water for drinking and industrial water supply. M/s WAPCOS Ltd., under DoWR, RD & GR has been engaged as Project Management Consultant (PMC). Till date an amount Rs. 721.22 Crores has been released for the project by the Union Government.

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