

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2018

ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023

CONSTRUCTION OF NORTH KOEL RESERVOIR (MANDAL DAM) PROJECT

2018#. DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of North Koel Reservoir (Mandal Dam) project was allotted to Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS) Limited and the construction of the project to be completed by December 2023;
- (b) whether it is a fact that work of the said project has been suspended due to agitation demanding compensation and rehabilitation;
- (c) if so, by when Government proposes to complete the construction work of the said project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) The proposal for completion of balance works of North Koel Reservoir Project at an estimated cost of Rs 1,622.27 crore was approved by Government of India during August 2017 for execution on a turnkey basis by M/s WAPCOS Ltd. as the Project Management Consultant in three years.

(b) to (d) Works at the Dam site could not be taken up due to disruptions by the local villagers in March, 2021 demanding additional compensation amount. Works on other components of the project are in different stages of construction. In the meantime, the scope of the works had to be revised from technical consideration. Accordingly, Revised Cost Estimate of the project has been prepared which also has provision towards compensation to the project affected families. The project is targeted to be completed within 30 months after requisite approvals.
