

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1029
ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017

MODERNISATION OF SONE CANAL

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modernise the Sone canal and review the approved projects for its development and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the amount allocated and spent by the Government on the modernisation and repairing work of this canal along with the construction and repairing of roads on Sone canal during the last five years and the current year;
- (c) whether the whole area of land of the beneficiary farmers is not being fully irrigated by the Sone canal; and
- (d) if so, the effective measures taken by the Government to ensure cent-per cent irrigation of the said land by the Sone canal and to protect the Sone canal from encroachment?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (d) Works related to Water resources development and management are planned, implemented and managed by the concerned States as per their own resources and priorities. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP); and schemes for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies etc.

Sone Modernisation Irrigation Project of Bihar State was included under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in 1998-99 for central assistance (CA) with estimated cost of Rs. 745.54 Cr. The Project was declared as completed in the year 2008-09. Total CA released for the project was 168.45 Cr, and total expenditure incurred (including State Share) is reported to be Rs. 635.49 Cr. A potential of 314.58 Mha has been created under AIBP. The project is benefitting Bhojpur & Rohtas districts of Bihar State.

Further, a DPR of “Restoration and lining work of Western Canal and Ara Main Canal and its System (Bihar) at an estimated cost of Rs. 3272.494 Cr for ADB funding has been received in CWC from Govt. of Bihar in September, 2016. The proposal envisages restoring lost irrigation potential of 35568.52 ha and to develop further irrigation potential of 80036.74 ha of Eastern Main Canal, Ara Main Canal and its Branch & distribution system. The observations of CWC have been sent to the State Govt for revision of the DPR. State Govt has not submitted the revised DPR.

State Government has intimated that they have taken up the following works from the State Plan (NABARD) in this regard:-

- (i) Restoration and lining work of Sone Western Parallel Link Canal & Repair of service Road for Rs. 112.07 Cr.
- (ii) Restoration and Lining work of Sone Western link Canal for Rs.255.12 Cr.
- (iii) Restoration and Lining work of Chausa Branch Canal for Rs.79.53 Cr.
- (iv) Construction metalled Road from 57.66 KM. To 122.10 KM of Patna Main Canal for Rs.167.76 Cr.

The details of expenditure, *in Cr*, incurred by the State Govt for restoration of Sone canal system during last three years are as under:

Year 2016-17:- Rs.111.81

Year 2015-16:- Rs.63.84

Year 2014-15:- Rs.50.06
