

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1059
ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017

NORTH KOEL RESERVOIR PROJECT

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

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned North Koel Reservoir/ Mandal dam/ Kutku dam project related to irrigation in Bihar and Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the latest detailed report about the North Koel Reservoir Project;
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated and released by the Government for North Koel Reservoir Project;
- (d) whether the tender process with regard to completion of North Koel Reservoir Project has been initiated/ completed; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work is likely to be started?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) The Union Cabinet approved the proposal for completion of the balance works of North Koel Reservoir Project in Jharkhand and Bihar on 16th August 2017 at an estimated cost of Rs.1622.27 crores, to be incurred during three financial years from the start of the project. The project is situated on North Koel river which is a tributary of Sone river. The construction was originally started in the year 1972 and continued till 1993 when it was stopped by the Forest Department, Govt. of Bihar. Since then, the work on the dam is at standstill. The major components of project are: 67.86 m high and 343.33 m long Mandal dam; 819.6 m long barrage at Mohammadganj located around 96 km downstream of the Mandal dam with two canals originating from left and right banks of Mohammadganj Barrage with distribution network system for irrigation. The full reservoir level has been restricted to elevation of 341 metre to save core area of Palamu Tiger reserve. The completion of this project will provide additional irrigation benefit to the extent of 39,801 hectares in the most backward and drought prone areas of Palamu & Garhwa districts in Jharkhand and Aurangabad & Gaya districts in Bihar. The execution of balance works of the project is to be carried out on turnkey basis by M/s WAPCOS Ltd., a CPSU under MoWR, RD & GR.

(c) The total cost of the project has been approved by Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation for Rs.2391.36 crore (price Level 2016) in its 132nd meeting held in March,2017. An expenditure amounting to Rs.769.09 crore has been incurred on the project. The cost of common components amounting to Rs.1013.11 crore of balance works & 60% of the cost of balance works of Bihar and Jharkhand components amounting to Rs.365.5 crore (Bihar Rs.318.64 crore and Jharkhand Rs.46.86 crore) aggregating to Rs. 1378.61 crores would be provided by the Central Government as a grant from Long Term Irrigation Fund through NABARD. Till date, no fund has been released by the Union Government to M/s WAPCOS Ltd.

(d) & (e) Tendering process for Dam & Appurtenant Works (Component 1) and & Barrage (Afflux & Guide Bund Works) (Component 2) has been completed. Letter of Intent (LoI) has been issued by M/s WAPCOS to the Contractor. The survey works for main canals (right & left), branch canal, distributaries and minors have been started.
