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

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MEGA IRRIGATION PROJECTS

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

- (a) the details and the present status of two mega irrigation projects namely upper Narmada and Halon irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the time by which both the projects are likely to be completed;
- (c) whether some more projects are also proposed on Narmada river; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b) The Water Resources Projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement their efforts, 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) etc. under Pradhan MantriKrishiSinchayeeYojana (PMKSY) as per the guidelines of the scheme.

The proposals of Upper Narmada Irrigation Project and Halon Irrigation Project were approved by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR,RD&GR) on 25.06.2010. As per the information provided by the State Government, an agency was fixed for construction of dam and canal on turn-key basis in March, 2013 for Upper Narmada Project having estimated cost of Rs 683.93 crore and target irrigation of 18616 Ha. However, construction work could not be started due to opposition from local public and consequently contract was terminated in June, 2016.

Halon Irrigation Project has an estimated cost of Rs.414.21 crore and target irrigation of 13040 Ha. The progress of work achieved is 64% and project is targeted for completion by March, 2020.

(c) & (d) As informed by the State Government, no more projects are proposed on River Narmada at present. However, three projects namely Shhakkar, Dudhi and Morand-Ganjal with tentative irrigation potential of 60,000 Ha., 50,000 Ha. and 52,205 Ha. respectively are proposed on the tributaries of river Narmada.