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RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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UTILISATION OF IRRIGATION POTENTIAL OF NATIONAL PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether only 21% of the irrigation potential generated from the five national projects is actually being utilized;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether none of the five projects under implementation had any proposal for command area development works sent to the Central Water Commission for approval;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the project-wise details of measures taken by the Government to ensure last mile connectivity through construction of distributaries?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) Out of 16 National Projects, five projects namely Polavaram Irrigation Project (Andhra Pradesh), Saryu Nahar Pariyojana (Uttar Pradesh), Gosikhurd Irrigation Project (Maharashtra), Teesta Barrage Project (West Bengal) & Shahpurkandi Dam Project (Punjab) have been taken up for execution after the concerned State Governments obtained the necessary approvals as per the guidelines of the scheme. Details of potential created and utilized in the five national projects under implementation as per the information received from CWC/State Government are as under:

Project	Ultimate Potential (Th. Ha.)	Potential Created (Th. Ha.)	Utilization (Th. Ha.)
SaryuNahar	1404	1096	615.84*
Gosikhurd	250.8	74.45	47.56
Polavaram	291	121	118
Shahpurkandi	37.17	-	-
Teesta	527	197	104

* cropped area as per the study conducted by BISAG.

(c) to (e) Saryu Nahar Pariyojna and Gosikhurd Irrigation Project with target Culturable Command Area (CCA) of 4.80 LHa and 1.76 LHa respectively have been included under CADWM programme under PMKSY-AIBP. Works of Teesta Barrage project are at standstill due to issues related to Land Acquisition (LA) and the State has not sent any proposal for CAD works. As informed by the State Government, tenders have been called for Detailed Project Report (DPR) of CAD works for Polavaram project. Further, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir has been requested to plan and implement requisite infrastructure and CAD works in *paripassu* manner separately in additional command proposed to be irrigated with the water from Shahpurkandi Dam Project.
