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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 380**

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**GOSIKHURD IRRIGATION PROJECT**

380 SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE

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

- (a) the details of the date on which the Gosikhurd irrigation project started in Bhandara district of the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra along with the time limit set and funds allocated for the completion of the said construction work;
- (b) whether the funds allocated for the Gosikhurd irrigation project has been spent on any other works;
- (c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the current status of Gosikhurd irrigation project; and
- (e) whether the quantum of expenditure of the said project increased so far and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a)** Construction of Gosikhurd irrigation project, Maharashtra, was started in April, 1988. The initial cost of the project was estimated to be Rs. 372.22 crore at 1982-83 price level. In February, 2009, Government of India included the project under its National project scheme, for providing partial financial assistance as central grant.

Till March, 2016, an amount of Rs. 2,987.94 crore had been released as central assistance to the project. In 2016, at the time of taking up funding of the balance works in mission mode and assured funding under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, the remaining central assistance was firmed up at Rs. 1,146.11 crore. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 694.53 crore has been released so far. Further, the project was scheduled for completion by December, 2019.

**(b) & (c)** The implementing agency, i.e., Government of Maharashtra, has reported that the funds allocated for Gosikhurd project have been spent only on this project.

**(d)** Against ultimate irrigation potential of 250.80 thousand hectare, about 152.74 thousand hectare has been created so far. Further, Government of Maharashtra has informed that the project is targeted for completion by December, 2024.

**(e)** The last cost revision for the project was assessed in the year 2017, for an estimated cost Rs. 18,494.57 crore at 2013-14 price level. Total expenditure incurred on the project upto October, 2022 is Rs. 15,308.79 crore.

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