

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA  
REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*113**

ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023

**UPPER LANTH IRRIGATION PROJECT**

\*113        SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Upper Lanth Irrigation Project in Balangir District, Odisha has been pending for a long time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the current status of the project;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of the project and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite the completion of the Upper Lanth Irrigation Project?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION No. \*113 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2023 REGARDING “UPPER LANTH IRRIGATION PROJECT”**

**(a) & (b)** Water being a State subject, it is for the State Governments concerned to take up irrigation projects as per their priorities and availability of funds, etc. However, Government of India provides technical support and partial financial assistance under its ongoing schemes for the identified projects. Further, techno-economic viability of the major or medium irrigation projects on inter-State river systems is appraised by Central Water Commission (CWC) under this Ministry.

Subsequent to appraisal by CWC, Upper Lanth irrigation project was accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects of this Ministry in May 2000, with an estimated cost of Rs. 48.99 crores, at 1999 price level. Most of the statutory and requisite clearances for the project are in place, except Stage-II forest clearance by Government of India, and administrative approval from the State Government of Odisha.

No proposal has been received in this Ministry from Government of Odisha regarding technical support or financial assistance for Upper Lanth irrigation project.

**(c)** As informed by the State Government, pre-construction activities such as river survey, dam base survey, village wise command area survey, drilling of the bore-holes on the dam axis and the testing for design of earth dam, etc., have been completed.

**(d) & (e)** It is for the Government of Odisha to review the progress of the project from time to time, and to take necessary action for completion of the project.

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