

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1317**

ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023

**UPPER TUNGA PROJECT**

1317. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the status of Upper Tunga project in central region of Karnataka State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has assessed the serious implications on drinking and irrigation water sources in Anantapur and Kurnool districts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) & (b)** Yes, Sir. Upper Tunga irrigation project is being constructed across Tunga river in Shivamogga district of Karnataka. The project is being provided partial financial assistance under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) being serviced by this Ministry. As on May, 2023, the overall physical progress of the project has been reported as 98.72% and the irrigation potential of 23,690 hectare has been reported as created, out of total envisaged irrigation potential of 25,449 hectare under AIBP.

**(c) & (d)** Various techno-economic aspects of Upper Tunga irrigation project, including inter-State aspects and hydrology, has appraised by Central Water Commission in the year 2013. On successful completion of the appraisal process, the project has been accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects of this Ministry, in October, 2013. As a part of this exercise, it has been ascertained by CWC that the project is to utilize only those waters which have been allocated by Krishna Waters Dispute Tribunal-I exclusively to the State of Karnataka.

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