

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 797
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2020

NORTH KOEL PROJECT

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any work on the North Koel multi-purpose project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether all necessary approvals have been obtained from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons for not obtaining the environmental clearances; and
- (f) the details of the proposed date of completion of the project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) & (b) Yes, the Department of Water Resources, RD & GR has taken up the long pending project for completion of balance works of North Koel Reservoir Project, Bihar and Jharkhand. The Union Cabinet approved the proposal in August 2017 for an estimated cost of Rs.2391.37 crores (6th Revised Cost Estimate @ Price Level 2016) for completion of the balance works of the North Koel Reservoir Project. The estimated cost includes expenditure already incurred Rs.769.09 Cr. as on 31.03.2016 and cost of balance works as Rs.1622.27 Cr.

(c) & (d) Stage-I clearance and Stage-II clearance of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Government of India were granted on 23.02.2018 and 27.11.2018 respectively.

(e) Not Applicable.

(f) As per Cabinet Approval, the completion period is 30 months from the award of work.
