GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1853 ANSWERED ON 22.09.2020

KRISHNA-MARATHWADA LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced the Krishna-Marathwada Lift Irrigation Scheme and if so, the current status thereof including its pendency, if any:

(b) whether the said scheme was launched to address water scarcity and drought in Marathwada region and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned required funds for the said scheme and if so, the action taken to fulfill the demand of additional funds for the same; and

(d) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be completed and the steps taken by the Government to complete the said scheme at the earliest?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (d) The Water Resources Projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement their efforts, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and Programmes as per guidelines of such schemes. The proposal, in respect of above project, has not been received in CWC from the Government of Maharashtra.

However, as informed by the State Government, Krishna-Marathwada Lift Irrigation Scheme (LIS) has been approved by the Government of Maharashtra in August, 2009 at Rs.4845.05 crore. The estimated cost of first phase of project is Rs.2349.10 crore. This project is planned to address water scarcity and drought in Osamanabad and Beed districts of Marathwada region.

Expenditure on the project upto August, 2020 is reported to be Rs.1709.21 crore. The first phase of the scheme is planned for completion by March, 2023.