

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 610**  
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021

**YETTINAHOLE LIFT IRRIGATION PROJECT**

610. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Yettinahole lift irrigation project which aims to divert excess water of western ghats to drought prone and erratic rainfall districts of Karnataka namely Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Bangalore Rural, Tumkur, Ramanagar to provide drinking water and fill the tanks in these areas;
- (b) the reasons for delay of the said project after being approved by the Government many years ago;
- (c) the details of total outlay of the project along with the total expenditure incurred thereon so far; and
- (d) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI AND TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Yettinahole Lift Irrigation Project is a state project, funded and executed by the state of Karnataka. The project was approved by the Government of Karnataka on 17.02.2014 for Rs.12912.36 crores. It aims to divert 24.01 TMC of surplus water from west flowing streams of Western Ghats to provide drinking water to 6557 villages and 38 towns in 29 taluks of 7 drought prone districts of Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Chikkamagalur, Hassan, Tumkur, Ramanagar and Bangalore Rural. The project will utilize 15.029 TMC for the same. Further, it will utilize 8.967 TMC to fill 527 Minor Irrigation Tanks of 5 districts (Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Hassan, Tumkur, and Bangalore Rural).

The project is being implemented in two Phases. Phase I of the project comprises of lift components, and is nearing completion. Under Phase II of the project, Byragondlu reservoir and feeder canals of T.G Halli, Ramnagara, Madhugiri and Gowribidnur are in progress. Construction of Kundana Lift, Kolar & Srinivaspura Feeders are yet to be taken up.

(b) Reasons for delay as reported by the Government of Karnataka are: Land Acquisition problem, delayed approvals from other Departments like KPTCL, NHAI, Railway, GAIL, Clearance from Forest Department and Covid-19 Pandemic.

(c) Out of initial estimated cost of Rs.12912.36 crores, expenditure incurred so far is Rs.9006.27 Crores (including land acquisition cost).

(d) The entire project is planned to be completed by December 2023.

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