

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2991

ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

MEKEDATU MULTI PURPOSE PROJECT

2991 SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka for approval and financial assistance regarding Mekedatu multipurpose (drinking and power) project and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to grant approval to the said project and if so, the time by which the Government is likely to approve the project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) Feasibility Report (FR) of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project, Karnataka was submitted to Central Water Commission (CWC) for "in principle" clearance for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR). The CWC accorded 'in-principle' clearance for preparation of DPR by project authority (Government of Karnataka) subject to certain conditions including that: "As the main objective of this scheme as stated in the FR is to implement the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal (CWDT) Award as modified by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, acceptance of Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) would be a pre-requisite for consideration of the DPR by the Advisory Committee of MoWR, RD & GR".

Subsequently, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project was submitted by Government of Karnataka to CWC in January 2019 and copies of DPR were forwarded to Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA). Discussion on the DPR of the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project was included as an agenda item during various meetings of CWMA. However, discussion on this issue could not take place due to lack of consensus among party States on this agenda item.

Discussion on Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project was again included in the agenda items of the 16th meeting of CWMA held on 22th July, 2022. However, the Mekedatu project DPR was not discussed in the meeting.
