

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 575

ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024

WATER PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

575. SHRI BASAVARAJ BOMMAI

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

- (a) the current status of the Mekedatu Drinking Water Project and Upper Bhadra Project in Karnataka;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal for releasing the fund for implementation of the Upper Bhadra Project in Chitradurga, Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any meetings or consultations have been held with the State Government of Karnataka regarding the said project, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure early implementation of the Upper Bhadra Project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

(a) The 'In-principle' clearance to the Feasibility Report (FR) of the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project, Karnataka for preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) was accorded by the Central Water Commission (CWC) on 24.10.2018 subject to certain conditions, inter-alia " acceptance of DPR by Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA). DPR of the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project submitted by the Government of Karnataka in January 2019 was referred to CWMA by CWC. In the 28th meeting of CWMA held on 01.02.2024, after detailed deliberation taking into account the views of the majority of the Members of the CWMA, the Authority has referred the project to Central Water Commission.

With regard to the Upper Bhadra Project, Government of Karnataka undertaking i.e. Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited is implementing the project.

(b) A proposal dated 28.10.2024 has been received from Government of Karnataka to include the Upper Bhadra project under Pradhan Mantri Krishi SinchaiYojna-Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) scheme.

(c) The Mekedatu balancing reservoir cum drinking water project has been deliberated on 01.02.2024 in the 28th meeting of Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA).

(d) The Upper Bhadra project is being implemented by the State Government of Karnataka.
