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PARVAN WATER SUPPLY FOR BARAN AND JHALAWAR

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

- (a) the status of inclusion of over 900 villages in Baran and 134 villages in Jhalawar under the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP);
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite their inclusion;
- (c) the time by which the residents of these villages can expect to receive water under the Parvan River Project along with the key remaining milestones for Phase-1;
- (d) whether the Phase-1 being crucial for Baran and Jhalawar districts has progressed slowly (40 per cent completed) while Phase-2 for benefiting other districts, has reached to 80 per cent of its completion and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the reasons behind the diversion of water to power projects instead of prioritizing supply to affected villages along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the manner in which the delay is impacting the farmers and residents in terms of irrigation and drinking water along with the steps proposed to ensure equitable economic and social development in these regions?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (f) As informed by the Government of Rajasthan, the said number of villages of Baran and Jhalawar districts are already covered under the ParwanAkawad Water Supply project.

The Phase-I of Parwan Project comprises excavation and lining of 141.35 Km long canals with canal structures at intermediate locations as per requirement, laying of pipe lines within the 1.31 lakh hectares (Ha) of command area with all necessary accessories for irrigation facilities development and construction of diggies, pump house, etc. The substantial portion of excavation of canal and major pipe laying works have been completed and the key remaining milestones are lining of canal, diggies, pump house, etc.

Further as informed by the State Government, the Phase-I of the project has almost double the Culturable Command Area (CCA) as compared to the Phase-II of the project. Present progress of works of the Phase-I is 53% and that of the Phase-II is 81%, while the overall progress of the Parwan Project is around 78%.

As intimated by the Government of Rajasthan, the usable capacity of the Parwan Dam is 462 Million Cubic Metre (MCM), out of which, 50 MCM has been reserved for drinking water, 79 MCM for industry (includes water for thermal power projects), 16 MCM for wildlife and 317 MCM for irrigation.

Further, the Government of Rajasthan has informed that the project has been delayed due to various reasons, that, *inter alia*, include the works affected during the COVID-19 pandemic, some land acquisition issues in respect of canal and diggies, obtaining necessary permissions from the concerned organizations in respect of various road and railways crossings, gas and petroleum pipe line crossings, etc. This has eventually caused delay in delivery of the intended irrigation benefits to the farmers of the villages that are coming under the CCA of the Project. However, the drinking water benefit is not affected due to delay in Phase-I and Phase-II of the project, as the water will be drawn directly from the Parwan dam by the concerned organization of the Government of Rajasthan, by developing the necessary infrastructural facilities for drinking water supply.

As informed, the progress of the project is regularly reviewed by the Government of Rajasthan to ensure an expedited completion of the project, while the issues raised by the project affected persons and farmers, also addressed regularly, so as to ensure equitable economic and social development in the region.
