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CONSTRUCTION OF BARNAR RESERVOIR

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

- (a) whether the work on construction of Barnar Reservoir to be carried out under Jamui district in Bihar that connecting with two States viz. Bihar and Jharkhand is pending for a long time;
- (b) if so, the estimated cost of the said Reservoir along with the amount of funds allocated so far;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any timeline for completion of the said project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (d) Yes, work of construction of Barnar Reservoir in Jamui district of Bihar is pending for a long time. Water resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. Role of Government of India is limited to being catalytic, providing technical support, and partial financial assistance to a few identified projects under the ongoing schemes of this Ministry.

The Barnar reservoir project is being implemented by the State Government of Bihar. The total expenditure on the project so far, as reported by State is Rs. 63.89 crore. The project was considered and accepted by the technical advisory committee on irrigation and flood control of erstwhile Planning Commission in 1975 for estimated cost of Rs. 8.0346 crore. The project proposal was submitted for cost revision in CWC with estimated cost of Rs. 2,302.22 crore at 2022-23 price level on 28.10.2023. The proposal was returned to State on 17.01.2024 with suggestion to prepare new DPR with updated hydrology, irrigation planning and cost estimate with 2023-24 price level. State has informed that at present the DPR of Barnar reservoir project is being replanned with pipe line network in place of open channel.
