

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 829

ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025

NIRA DEVDHAR IRRIGATION PROJECT IN MAHARASHTRA

829. SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH

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

- (a) whether it is true that the financial approval proposal for the Nira Devdhar Irrigation Project in Maharashtra was submitted by the Ministry to the Public Investment Board (PIB) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the PIB meeting scheduled for 07.06.2024 to evaluate the proposal was postponed and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether a revised date has been fixed and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any follow-up request has been sent by the Ministry to the PIB since the postponement and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the approval process in light of the fact that the project is critical for lakhs of farmers in the drought-prone and backward region of Madha Lok Sabha Constituency?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (e) Yes. The memorandum for Public Investment Board (PIB) for inclusion of Nira Devdhar Irrigation Project of Maharashtra with estimated cost of ₹ 3,591.46 crore (June 2022 Price Level) under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) has been submitted by DoWR,RD&GR to Department of Expenditure. The PIB meeting scheduled on 07th June 2024 was postponed. Revised date for PIB meeting has not been fixed. Approval for inclusion of a project under PMKSY-AIBP is taken up after successful appraisal of the project by PIB and its recommendations for inclusion under the scheme.
