GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *170

ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025

DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF UJANI-SOLAPUR WATER PIPELINE PROJECT

*170. Ms. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the persistent delays faced by Ujani–Solapur Water Pipeline project despite multiple public assurances and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the present stage of its completion along with the funds released in this regard and the reasons for missing earlier deadlines;
- (c) whether cost overruns have been reported in this regard and if so, the details and quantum thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure timely completion of the project and provide uninterrupted water supply to Solapur city and adjoining areas?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI C R PAATIL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. *170 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING "DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF UJANI–SOLAPUR WATER PIPELINE PROJECT"

(a) & (b) Water resources projects are planned, funded, executed, and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. Role of Government of India is to provide technical support and, in some cases, partial financial assistance under the existing schemes implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

It has been informed by the Solapur Municipal Corporation that the Ujani-Solapur water pipeline project has not faced any persistent delays. The work order for implementation of the project was issued on 01.06.2023 with scheduled completion by 01.12.2024. Considering land acquisition requirements and the execution of 74 major crossings in the alignment of pipeline, an extension of six months was accorded. The project has been completed successfully on 31.05.2025. The project has achieved full physical progress with commissioning and testing.

Funding to the project includes contribution from different entities, including Rs. 250 crore under the Smart City initiatives, Rs. 250 crore from National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), and Rs. 382.68 crore from Government of Maharashtra. The cumulative project cost stands at Rs. 882.68 crore.

(c) & (d) No cost overrun has been reported by Solapur Municipal Corporation.

The project has been completed while maintaining uninterrupted water supply to Solapur and adjoining areas. During execution, the existing 80 million litre per day (MLD) Ujani–Solapur remained operational. With the commissioning of this new 170 MLD system, Solapur now has enhanced bulk water availability ensuring improved and reliable urban water supply.
