

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3200

ANSWERED ON 18.12.2025

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR UPPER BHADRA PROJECT

3200. SHRI E TUKARAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government has released the Central assistance announced in the Union Budget 2023-24 for the Upper Bhadra Project, if so, the details thereof, tranche-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether any administrative, financial or inter-ministerial approvals are still pending in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the current status of processing of the pending approvals and the time by which the Government proposes to release the committed Central assistance; and
- (d) whether the delay has impacted the project implementation milestones and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) The Upper Bhadra Project, with an estimated cost of ₹16,125.48 crore at the 2018–19 price level, was appraised in the Public Investment Board (PIB) meeting held on 12.10.2022. Presently, a revised proposal with updated cost (at the 2024–25 price level) and Benefit–Cost (B.C.) ratio of the Upper Bhadra Project has been submitted to the Central Water Commission under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The Upper Bhadra Project is presently not included under any scheme of the Government of India, hence no central assistance has been released to the project so far.

(d) The Upper Bhadra project is being implemented by Government of Karnataka undertaking i.e. Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited. The reported expenditure in the project till October-2025 is ₹ 11,051 Crore. As informed by the State, the Stage-I works (lift works) of the project for lifting of water from Bhadra Reservoir to Ajjampura tunnel are complete, while the works for lifting of water from the Tunga River to Bhadra Reservoir are underway. The Stage-II works, comprising canals, feeders, tank filling and drip irrigation components, are reported by the State to be at the various stages of implementation.
