

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 697**

ANSWERED ON 04.12.2025

**UNDER-UTILISATION OF FUNDS**

697. SHRI RAJA RAM SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noted that the Department of Water Resources utilised only fifty eight per cent of its revised allocation of Rupees 21,640.88 crore for 2024-25 by the end of December 2024, leaving nearly forty per cent unspent and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for persistent delays in fund disbursement and project execution, especially when funds are approved early in the financial year;
- (c) the reasons for Government's continuously justifying low utilisation by citing post-monsoon acceleration rather than instituting robust annual monitoring mechanisms;
- (d) the status of pending proposals worth Rupees 3,000 crore along with the time by which these are likely to be sanctioned and released; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to strengthen implementation oversight, fill vacant technical positions and prevent critical water projects from being delayed due to administrative shortcomings and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) to (d)** Budget estimate for Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation for Financial Year 2024-25 was Rs. 21,323.10 crore, which was revised to Rs. 21,640.88 crore at Revised Estimate stage. Expenditure of the Department against budget provisions till December 2024 was Rs. 12,655.52 crore, which is 59.35% of Budget Estimate and 58.48% of the Revised Estimate of the Department. However, expenditure during the full financial year 2024-25 has been Rs. 20,054.97 crore, which is 92.6% of the allocation to the Department at Revised Estimate stage. There have been no delays in fund disbursement nor has the utilisation been low.

**(e)** To further promote financial discipline, Department of Expenditure has recently implemented revised procedure and just in time flow of funds under central sector and centrally sponsored schemes through SNA-SPARSH, CNA and TSA modules. Further, introduction of Project Monitoring Group portal has strengthened implementation oversight by facilitating monitoring and resolution of issues under the projects. In addition, Department has taken necessary action for filling up of vacant posts, including vacant technical posts.

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