GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 805 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2016

TEESTA PROJECT

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to abandon Teesta Project, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount sanctioned for the Teesta Project during the last five years and their status of utilization; and

(c) if not, action being taken to complete the project in a time bound manner so that lacs of farmers in North Bengal can harvest the benefits of this prestigious National Project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. A Central Assistance of Rs. 178.20 Cr has been released during the last five years to the project under the scheme of National Projects. The project authority has not submitted the utilization certificate.

(c) The main hindrance in timely completion of the project is land acquisition. The State Government has been requested to prepare a comprehensive proposal/solution for the same. However, the State Government has not submitted any proposal in this regard.
