

**Narmada Dam and Sardar Sarovar Project**

1415. SHRI SANAT MEHTA:  
SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI:  
SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA:  
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:  
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the controversy regarding height of Narmada Dam (Sardar Sarovar Dam) has finally been resolved;

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken in this regard and the height of dam agreed to; and

(c) the progress made so far in the completion of Sardar Sarovar Project and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) In a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra

and Rajasthan convened by the Prime Minister on 15.7.1996 and 16.7.1996 in New Delhi to discuss the issue of the height of Sardar Sarovar Dam, the following was agreed to :

"Construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam may proceed as planned, limiting the Full Reservoir level to 132.68 metres (436 feet) in the first instance. Thereafter the data for actual flow of water in the dam will be observed for a period of five years. If during any three out of these five years, the flow of water-discharge is adequate as assessed in the award, the decision regarding raising the reservoir level to 138.68 metres (455 feet) could be considered.

Construction of the dam will proceed *pari-passu* with the resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons as per terms of the Award and relief and rehabilitation Policies laid down by the states in this regard. The states shall ensure speedy and proper implementation of the relief and rehabilitation measures."

(c) A statement is enclosed.

**Statement**

*Progress in construction of the Project  
Physical Progress as on 30.9.96*

| Sl.No | Component               | Excavation %       | Concreting %    | Drilling %                  |
|-------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1.    | Main Dam                | 99.85              | 88.22           | 75.89                       |
| 2.    | River Bed Power House   |                    |                 |                             |
|       | Open                    | 84.57              |                 |                             |
|       | Underground             | 92.10              |                 |                             |
| 3.    | Canal Head Power House  | nearing completion | 99.20           |                             |
| 4.    | Vadgam Saddle Dam       | -do-               | Completed       |                             |
| 5.    | Narmada Main Canal      | <u>Earthwork %</u> | <u>Lining %</u> | <u>Structural Concrete%</u> |
|       | (0 to 144 km)           | 97.42              | 95.14           | 76.63                       |
| 6.    | Branch Canals           |                    |                 |                             |
|       | Phase-I (0 to 144.5 km) | 82.61              | 63.61           | 73.32                       |
| 7.    | Distribution System     | 65.32              | 56.41           | 51.47                       |
|       | (0 to 144 km)           |                    |                 |                             |

The project as planned is expected to be completed by 2000 A.D. However, timely completion of the project depends on *pari-passu* implementation of resettlement & rehabilitation measures and environmental safeguards in the territories of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

[Translation]

**National Water Resources Council**

1416. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:  
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had constituted the National Water Resources Council in 1983;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the Chairman and Members of this Council;

(c) whether this Council has been holding its meetings from time to time in the past years to take policy decision for resolving the problems in regard to water;

(d) if so, the dates on which and the places, where the meetings of this Council took place after its inception and the details of the decisions taken therein; and

(e) the details of the decision which have been implemented?