

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2079  
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2000  
CANALISATION OF SWAN RIVER  
SURESH CHANDEL

**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether concerned departments of Himachal Pradesh State Government have sent satisfactory replies to the Union Government with regard to canalization of Swan river and its 73 distributories in Una district of Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether clearance has been given for canalization by various Central Ministries;
- (c) if so, whether Union Government propose to make financial allocation in the ensuring budget in this regard;
- (d) if so, the amount proposed to be allocated; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS / PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

( SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a)&(b): The Swan River Flood Management and Integrated Development Phase I, Flood Control Project of Himachal Pradesh was considered and accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects of the Ministry of Water Resources at its 72nd Meeting held on 18.1.2000, subject to clearance by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the concurrence of the State Finance Department. The State Government has informed on 3.3.2000 that the State Finance Department has concurred in the project. Therefore, the Project would qualify for consideration of investment clearance after the State Government obtains and conveys to the Planning Commission the clearance to this project from the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(c),(d) & (e): As per the Constitution, the irrigation and flood control is a State subject and the responsibility of planning, funding, execution and maintenance of all types of such projects primarily lies with the State Government. As such, the funding for this project also is to be arranged by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.