

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2653
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CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted with a view to construct a dam across the river Baitarani at Kanpur in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to construct the dam expeditiously;
- (c) whether Keonjhar and Bhadrak districts of the State are likely to be benefitted on completion of the dam;
- (d) if so, the amount spent thereon, till date; and
- (e) the time by which the dam is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (e) The Kanpur Irrigation Project envisaging construction of an earthen dam across river Baitarani for providing annual irrigation to 47,709 hectares of land in Keonjhar district of Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs. 428.32 crore (1998 prices) has already been accepted by the Advisory Committee from techno-economic viability angle with certain observations. Being a state subject, the irrigation projects are investigated, planned, executed and funded by the state governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their priorities. As per the draft annual plan 2000-2001 document of Orissa, an expenditure of Rs. 21.02 crore has been incurred on the project upto March, 2000. The project is likely to be completed beyond IX Plan.