

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:665
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IRRIGATION PROJECT ON PAGLADIA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any coercive policy to construct a major Irrigation Dam on the River Pagladia in Nalbari district of Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether his Ministry proposes to utilise the already sanctioned fund of Rs.540 crores for the completion of the said project; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Government of India has approved the implementation of Pagladiya Dam Project with an estimated cost of Rs.542.90 crore for execution as a Central Sector project by Brahmaputra Board. The project will protect an area of 40,000 ha. from flood and erosion in Nalbari and Karmrup districts of Assam. The project will also give irrigation benefit to an area of 54,160 hectare in Nalbari and Barpeta districts and an incidental hydro power of 3 Megawatt (installed capacity) to the resettled villages for domestic use. The project has a provision for suitable Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package for the project affected persons with the objective of improving their existing economic conditions.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.