

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:923
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DIGGING OF TUBEWELLS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the first phase of digging of tubewell scheme was implemented in Bihar with the assistance of World Bank;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the targetted tubewells of the first phase have not been completed so far; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to complete all the remaining tube-wells of the first phase ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Bihar Public Tubewells Project was implemented with the World Bank assistance during April, 1987 to May, 1994 for installation of new tubewells, modernisation and rehabilitation of existing tubewells. Due to financial constraints faced by the Government of Bihar, against a target of installation of 500 new tubewells, modernisation of 1500 tubewells and rehabilitation of 3212 tubewells, the achievement was 89, 1244 and 3197 tubewells respectively.

(d) The Government of Bihar has availed loan assistance under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) Phase-I Programme of NABARD for completing the balance works which are planned for completion by March, 2000.