

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1067
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VARAHI PROJECT IN KARNATAKA
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether work on Varahi Project in Karnataka has been completed;
- (b) if not, whether Irrigation Board (NIGAM) would be completing the project in the near future;
- (c) if so, the details of assistance provided by the Union Government to the State Government for the purpose; and
- (d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BHOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Varahi Irrigation Project with latest estimated cost of Rs.250.00 crore envisaging creation of 15.70 thousand hectare irrigation potential is under execution and likely to be completed beyond Tenth Five Year Plan. Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) is provided to such ongoing major/medium irrigation projects which have been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission. Varahi Irrigation Project is not eligible for CLA under AIBP being an unapproved project.