

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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UPPER KRISHNA STAGE II PROJECTS
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have given its techno- economic clearance to the Upper-Krishna Stage-II Projects including Almati reservoir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the earlier estimated cost and the extent to which the cost of the project escalated due to time overrun;
- (d) the extent to which the State is likely to be benefited after the completion of the projects; and
- (e) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) Upper Krishna Stage II Multipurpose Project (Irrigation portion) with Almatti Dam full reservoir level (FRL) at 519.6 metres has been cleared from techno-economic angle at an estimated cost of Rs.2849.06 crore for providing annual irrigation to an area of 226688 hectares after completion in Bijapur, Gulbarga and Raichur districts of Karnataka. The project proposal for FRL of 519.6 metres was finalized by the State Government only in May, 2000 and submitted to Central Water Commission along with the cost estimate. Under the circumstances assessment of the cost escalation is not feasible.

(e) As reported by the Government of Karnataka, the project will be completed within six years from the date of commencement.