GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:27 ANSWERED ON:05.07.2004 MAHARASHTRA WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE PROJECT STAGE - II Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had submitted Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewage Project Stage II, based on Poshir Dam as a source to the Government for Environmental clearance and approval in January, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the project including the area to be catered thereby and the source of this project alongwith its schedule and cost;

(c) the present stage of the project; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to expedite the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a),(b), (c)& (d) Poshir Dam project was submitted by the Government of Maharashtra for environmental clearance in June, 1996. Proposal envisages drinking water supply to areas in the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority by construction of a dam on Poshir river. Estimated cost at 1992 prices was Rs.863 crores. The Expert Committee constituted by this Ministry examined the proposal and suggested revisions in the EIA Report. Till now, the revised EIA Report has not been received from the State Government.