

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:894
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TISTA IRRIGATION PROJECT
Barman Shri Hiten

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Tista Irrigation Project is going on in West Bengal particularly in North Bengal since long back;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not completing the project as scheduled;
- (c) the budget allocation during the current year for the project; and
- (d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) The execution of the project by the State Government is being delayed due to land acquisition, litigation, paucity of funds, change in the scope of the project, cost escalation, etc.
- (c) In the current financial year, the Government of West Bengal has provided Budget Provision for an amount of Rs. 58 crore under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) works and a sum of Rs. 4.47 crore under non-AIBP works for the Project.
- (d) The project was originally scheduled to be completed during the 8th Plan period, but now according to the latest schedule of the State Government, all three phases of the project are likely to be completed by 2015.