

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1227
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GOSIKHURD IRRIGATION PROJECT
Jadhao Shri Prakash B.

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is providing central assistance to Gosikhurd Irrigation Project in Bhandra district of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the project cost is escalating since its inception in 1984;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reasons for the project delay?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) Central Assistance amounting to Rs.241.3157 crore as loan/grant has been provided for Gosikhurd Project in Bhandara district so far.
- (c)&(d) Gosikhurd Project was administratively approved by the Government of Maharashtra for Rs.372.22 crore in March 1983. The Planning Commission had accorded investment clearance to the project for Rs.461.19 crore on 2.11.1995. The latest estimated cost of the project as informed by the project authorities is Rs.5659.097 crore.
- (e) As informed by the project authorities, the delay in completion of project is due to paucity of funds with State Government and due to Resettlement & Rehabilitation problems of project affected persons.