

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:194

ANSWERED ON:20.10.2008

JAKHAU FISHING HARBOUR PROJECT

Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai;Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan;Kanodia Shri Mahesh Kumar;Mistry Shri Madhusudan Devram;Patel Shri Harilal Madhavjibhai;Solanki Shri Bhupendrasinh Prabhatsinh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has accorded approval to Jakhau Fishing Harbour Project(JFHP) as 100 percent Centrally Sponsored Scheme;

(b) whether the initial cost of the project has escalated due to delayed environment clearance thereby raising the amount to Rs.41.48 lakhs,which is yet to be paid to the Government of Gujarat;

(c) if so,whether the Union Government has assured that the enhanced cost could be considered in view of the fact that the original estimates were based on 1990-91 rates; (&) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent the detailed report regarding revised estimated cost;and

(e) if so, the time by which the revised cost is likely to be released to the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Yes,Sir.The Union Government had in May 1993 accorded approval for construction of fishing harbour at Jakhau at an estimated cost of Rs. 1143.60 lakh with 100 percent Central assistance.

(b): The project was to be completed by May 1996 within the approved cost of Rs.1143.60 lakh. However, the Government of Gujarat has revised the cost estimates several times with the latest revised cost of estimate put at Rs.3483.90 lakh.The State Government has attributed the cost escalation to delay in obtaining environmental clearances as one of the reasons.

(c): No,Sir.

(d) & (e): The Government of Gujarat has not submitted a comprehensive and final revised cost estimate proposal as requested by the Government of India.