

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUBERNREKHA MULTIPURPOSE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Subernrekha Multi-purpose Irrigation Project which is likely to benefit the most economically backward areas in the State of Jharkhand, Orissa and West Bengal having large tribal population has been under construction since 1970 and is still incomplete;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof and total amounts spent-till date out of AIBP, the funds granted under, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the reasons for the delay in timely execution and completion of the projects;and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (d) Irrigation is a State subject and planning, execution and funding of the irrigation projects is within the purview of the respective state governments. The works of Subernrekha project started in the V Plan. The works are in progress by the State Government of Jharkhand and Orissa. The actual works are not started on project by the State Government of West Bengal and only infrastructural works are in progress. The status of joint components of works are as under:

1. Galudih Barrage: 98% works completed and out of 18 gates, 13 gates are erected partially
2. Gludih Right Bank Canal: 96% of canal excavation and 76% structures have been completed.
3. Ichha Dam: 30% works have been completed

At present, only Orissa component of the project is availing central assistance under the AIBP. West Bengal component of the project was included in the AIBP in 2001-02. Central assistance of Rs.2.05 crore in 2001-02 and 11.238 crore in 2002-03 were released for the project. On the request of State Government of West Bengal, central assistance of Rs.10.25 crore released for Subernrekha project was transferred to the Teesta Barrage project. Since then, no proposal for central assistance as per guidelines of AIBP is received from Govt. of West Bengal. The year wise details of central assistance provided to the Govt. of Orissa for Subernrekha project are given in Annex-I.

The main reason for delay in completion of the project is land acquisition problems. Delay has also occurred due to delay in forest clearance, labour problems in Jharkhand and resettlement and rehabilitation problems in Orissa. The Orissa component of the Subernrekha project is likely to be completed by 2012-13.