

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL IRRIGATION PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of each of the National Irrigation Projects alongwith the funds allocated and time frame fixed for completion of these projects, State-wise including the Gosikhurd Project in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether some proposals for declaration of irrigation projects as national projects are still under consideration of the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, project-wise including Polavaram project of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) the present status of each of the pending projects, project-wise; and
- (e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a). Of the 14 projects which have been declared as National Projects, 2 projects have been provided Central Assistance under AIBP as National Projects namely Gosikhurd Project of Maharashtra and Shahpur Kandi Project of Punjab. Teesta Barrage project which is also declared as National Project is ongoing under normal AIBP and to receive funding under the scheme of National Projects once the release proposal is submitted by the State Government as per guidelines of National Projects. Other 11 projects are at the DPR (Detailed Project Report) stage by respective State Governments. Gosikhurd Project has been provided grant amounting to Rs.450 crore, Rs. 720 crore and Rs.635.28 crore during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively. Shahpur Kandi project has been provided with grant amounting to Rs.10.80 crore during 2009-10. As per Memorandum of Understanding submitted by the respective State Governments, the Gosikhurd Project is to be completed by Government of Maharashtra by March 2014 and Shahpur Kandi project is to be completed by the Government of Punjab by March, 2014-15.

(b) Yes Madam.

(c) to (e). Keeping in view the availability of resources vis a vis number of ongoing projects as national projects and their requirement of funds, Polavaram project of Andhra Pradesh, Bargi Diversion project of Madhya Pradesh, Sharda Sahayak and Saryu project of Uttar Pradesh can be included as National Projects only with the approval of Union Cabinet.