

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:524
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RASHTRIYA SAM VIKAS YOJANA
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Rs.300 crore had been released to complete the incomplete works of Gandak Project of Bihar under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details of expenditure incurred and works done so far thereunder;
- (c) whether works on incomplete canals in the Muzaffarpur and Vaishali districts under that Projects have not progressed at all for past many years; and
- (d) if so, the steps likely to be taken by the Government to complete the incomplete works under the Eastern Gandak Canal Project?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH)

(a): Yes Sir. Rs. 300 crore has been released under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana, which has now been subsumed into the "Special Plan for Bihar" component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund, implemented by the Planning Commission, for the project "Restoration of Eastern Gandak Canal".

(b): The State Government has reported expenditure on the said project as follows:

S.No. Year Expenditure Reported
(Rs. crore)

1	2004-05	2.07
2	2005-06	0.29
3	2006-07	0.03
4	2007-08	0.45
5	2008-09	0.19
6	2009-10	47.97
7	2010-11	77.83#
	Total	128.83

up to January, 2011.

Restoration of Eastern Gandak Canal System includes restoration of Tirhut Main Canal including its branch canal, sub branch canal and its distribution system and about 35% progress has been achieved so far.

(c): The renovation work of Tirhut Main Canal and its distribution system in Muzaffarpur district and Vaishali Branch Canal, Jaitpur Branch Canal and Mallikpur Branch Canal and its distribution system in Vaishali district is in progress.

(d): The State Government has set March 2013 as the target for completion of the project.