

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1232
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GANDAK IRRIGATION SYSTEM
Singh Shri Jagada Nand

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any funds have been provided for revival of Gandak Irrigation System located in Bihar under ``Sam Vikas Yojana``;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether very negligible irrigation is being provided for years due to dilapidated condition of canal in eastern system of Gandak Canal wherein these should have been an inflow of 15000 cusecs of water;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which Gandak Canal System is proposed to be revived so as to streamline the choked irrigation system?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) As per information received from the Planning Commission, the details of funds released for the project "Restoration of Eastern Gandak Canal" under the erstwhile Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY), later replaced by the Backward Regions Grand Fund (BRGF) as under:-

2003-04	-	0.98	crore
2004-05	-	50.44	crore
2005-06	-	0.56	crore
2009-10	-	48.00	crore
2010-11 (till date)		200.00	crore
Total Rs.		299.98	crore

(c) & (d) As per information provided by the Government of Bihar, the design discharge of Eastern Main Canal is 15664 cusecs. The details of maximum discharged achieved and the area irrigated is as under:-

Year	Maximum discharge (cusecs)	Irrigated area (hectare)	
		Kharif	Rabi
2008-09	6000	1,11,813	36,750
2009-10	5400	80,045	Canal is closed due to renovation
2010-11	7700	81,148	-do-

(e) As per information provided by the Government of Bihar, the Gandak Canal System is envisaged to be revived by 31.03.2013.