

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5757  
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PUNPUN MORAHAR DHARDHA RIVER VALLEY PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any requests from the Bihar Government for resolving the matter regarding Punpun-Morahar-Dhardha River Valley project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Central Water Commission (CWC) thereon; and
- (c) the details of the projects lying pending with the CWC for its final approval?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The proposal of Pun-Pun Morahar Dhardha River Valley project was submitted by the Govt. of Bihar in Central Water Commission (CWC). The State Govt. was requested in October 1999 to submit a modified Detailed Project Report (DPR) for proposed Barrage on Pun-pun River only as barrages on its tributaries i.e. Morahar and Dhardha were not feasible.

Accordingly, Pun-Pun Morahar Dardha Irrigation Scheme was renamed as Pun-Pun Barrage Project and Modified Detailed Project Report (DPR) was received from Government of Bihar on 05.05.2000. The project was accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources on Irrigation, Flood control and Multi-purpose project for Rs. 102.26 crore in its 77th meeting held on 03.08.2001 subject to Concurrence of State Finance Department and Clearance of environment from Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) etc. Environmental clearance by the MoEF was accorded vide their letter dated 20.07.2004. Subsequently, investment clearance was accorded to the project by the planning Commission on 13.01.2006.

1st Revised Estimate of Pun-Pun Barrage Project was accepted by the Advisory Committee for Rs. 199.41 crore in its 89th meeting held on 27.06.2007 and investment clearance was accorded to the same by the planning Commission on 05.10.2007. Again the 2nd Revised Estimate of Pun-Pun Barrage Project was accepted by the Advisory Committee for Rs. 658.12 crore in its 101st meeting held on 30.11.2009 and investment clearance was accorded to the same by the planning Commission on 10.03.2010. A grant of Rs.43.884 crore has been released so far under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) of Ministry of Water Resources for Punpun Barrage Project.

(c) The details of projects under appraisal in CWC is at Annexure.