

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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NORTH KOEL IRRIGATION PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the current status of the North Koel irrigation project;
- (b) whether any land has been acquired for canals for implementation of the said scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in the completion of the said project and the expected time of completion?

**Answer**

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

(a) North Koel Project is a joint project of Jharkhand and Bihar States. As per information provided by the Governments of Jharkhand and Bihar, the current status of various components of the project is as under:-

Component    Jharkhand    Bihar

Dam (Masonry + Concrete)    100%    90%

Spillway    100%    Spillway Gates is still to be installed.

Gates    Nil (Due to objection by the Forest Department, the work has not been started).

Barrage    95% complete and only casting of 18 slabs remaining out of 40 slabs.    Almost completed.40% of the deck slab work is still remaining.

Right Main Canal (in Jharkhand portion)    100%    98% of Main Canal completed (109.12 km)

Distribution System (Right Main Canal)    70%    65% of Distribution System completed and the remaining work is under progress.

Left Main Canal    80%    -

Distribution System (Left main Canal)    Nil    -

**(b) & (c)**

Jharkhand    Bihar

Construction of Jharkhand portion For the canal System, approximately of Right Main Canal, which is 31 kms 1455 hectares of land has been already out of 109 kms is complete. Except acquired till now and land acquisition for a length of 0.50 km, the Left process is going on for residual Main Canal, which is 11.81 kms 57.36 hectare of land. long and fully in Jharkhand, is complete. Land is being acquired for remaining portion of the left main canal.

(d)

Jharkhand Bihar

As the closure of gates will cause For completion of dam, clearance of submergence in 6203 hectares of forest approximately 4710 hectare of forest land is land including some parts of Betla Tiger required from Ministry of Environment & Reserve, necessary clearance of Ministry forests (MOEF), government of India. of Environment & forests (MOEF) is under This is an inter-state project and a process. Since the completion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has project includes clearances from the Indian been signed on 26.6.2006 between the States National Board for Wildlife and MOEF, it of Bihar and Jharkhand as per which the is difficult to indicate the anticipated action towards clearance has to be taken completion date of the project. by the Government of Jharkhand.

The delay in completion of distribution system is due to land acquisition problem. The canal system is likely to completed by March, 2013.