

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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GOSIKHURD PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of Gosikhurd Indira Sagar Irrigation Project is a national project, is being carried out in fits and starts;
- (b) if so, whether this is causing cost overrun in the said project;
- (c) if so, the details regarding its increased cost as on date; and
- (d) the reasons for the delay?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Irrigation being a State subject, the planning, execution and operation of irrigation projects are carried out by State Governments as per their own priorities. The Govt. of Maharashtra has taken up execution of Gosikhurd Irrigation Project as per their priority and work programme.

(c) The project was approved by the Planning Commission, Govt. of India in November 1995 for an estimated cost of Rs.461.19 crore at 1987-88 price level. The updated estimated cost of the project of Rs.7777.85 crore at 2007-08 price level was approved by the Planning Commission in May 2008.

Gosikhurd Project was declared as National Project by the Government of India in Feb, 2008. Under the Scheme of National Projects, Central assistance of Rs.2582.94 cr. has been released to this project.

(d) Irrigation being a State subject, the planning, execution and operation of irrigation projects are carried out by State Governments as per their own priorities. However, as per investment clearance accorded by Planning Commission in May 2008, the project is to be completed in the financial year 2012-13.