

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5970
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GOSIKHURD IRRIGATION PROJECT
Sainuji Shri Kowase Marotrao

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the Gosikhurd irrigation project was started under Vidarbha region of Maharashtra along with the time period fixed and the funds earmarked for the completion of its construction work;
- (b) whether the funds allocated for the Gosikhurd irrigation project have been diverted;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the up-to-date status of Gosikhurd irrigation project as on date; and
- (e) the extent to which the cost of this project has gone up and the time by which the construction work of this project is estimated to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) The administrative approval to the Gosikhurd Irrigation Project was accorded by the Government of Maharashtra on 31.03.1983 and the construction of the project commenced in the same year. The project is scheduled for completion by 2013-14. A total Central Assistance (CA) amounting to Rs. Rs. 3411.116 crore has been released under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to Gosikhurd Irrigation Project upto March 2013.

(b) & (c) State Government is required to submit utilization certificate along with their proposal for seeking Central Assistance for the next year indicating that the funds released under AIBP for the previous year have been utilized. Gosikhurd Irrigation Project in Maharashtra has been provided CA under AIBP based on the utilization certificate received from the State Government.

(d) & (e) Gosikhurd Irrigation project is ongoing and an Irrigation potential of 34056 ha has been created. The original cost of the Gosikhurd Irrigation project was Rs. 372.22 crore and the Approved Latest Estimated Cost is Rs. 7777.85 crore. The project is scheduled for completion by 2013-14.