

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3045  
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2013  
TAPI BASIN PROJECT .  
Pratap Narayanrao Shri Sonawane

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has considered the Tapi Basin project as a National Project;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has held any discussion with the State Government of Maharashtra in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the details of steps being taken for expeditious completion of the above project to meet the requirements of the farmers of Maharashtra?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (d) Maharashtra Government submitted proposal of "Clustered projects from Tapi Basin" for inclusion in the scheme of National Projects to Government of India. As per guidelines of National Projects, the project should inter-alia have investment clearance of Planning Commission for inclusion in the category of National Projects. Presently the State Government has not obtained investment clearance of Planning Commission for all the projects included in "Clustered Projects from Tapi Basin". Out of the 6 projects included in the said Cluster, only four projects are having investment clearance of Planning Commission.