GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WATER RESOURCES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3156 ANSWERED ON:29.08.2013 RELINING THE RAJASTHAN FEEDER Bhagora Shri Tarachand

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has approved the investment for relining the Rajasthan feeder (Punjab part) the work which is proposed to be done by the Government of Punjab;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Punjab has initiated the work thereon after its clearance by the Union Government;
- (c) if not, whether the Union Government proposes to issue directions to the Government of Punjab to initiate work thereon; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) The Planning Commission has accorded the investment clearance to the project "Relining of Rajasthan Feeder" on 23.11.2009.
- (b) The work on the project has not been initiated so far.
- (c) & (d) Water being a State Subject, the projects are planned, funded, implemented and maintained by the concerned State Governments as per their own priorities and availability of funds.

The role of Union Government is promotional and catalytic. The Union Government has released central assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Program for an amount of Rs. 105.84 crore in March, 2011 for this work.