

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SARYU CANAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has provided any financial assistance for Saryu Canal Project after approving the same in order to enhance the irrigation capacity in the Eastern region of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the year in which the Saryu Canal Project was launched alongwith the estimated construction cost of the same at that time including the extent to which the said project has been completed at present;
- (c) the extent of work which remains to be completed at present alongwith the estimated cost;
- (d) whether the Union Government has asked the State Government to fix a time limit to complete the project in view of the slow progress of the same; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to(e) The Union Government provides Central Assistance as per guidelines under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to the State Governments, for expeditious completion of ongoing projects. On the request of State Government, this project was included under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits programme (AIBP) in 1996-97. Central Loan assistance/grant of Rs 828.619 crore was released upto March 2012 under AIBP. The project was included in the scheme of National Projects on 3rd August 2012. Central assistance of Rs. 448.73 crore has been released for Saryu Canal Project under the scheme of National Projects.

A total irrigation potential of 9.36 lakh ha has been created through this project upto March 2013.

As per Investment Clearance from Planning Commission, the latest revised estimated cost of the project is Rs.7070.32 crore (cost of works as Rs.6323.29 crore) at 2008-09 price level envisaging ultimate irrigation potential of 14.04 lakh ha with the target date of completion as March-2015.