

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3589
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NILWANDE DAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the `Nilwande` dam is under construction in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the time since when it is under construction and the expenditure incurred thereon as on date;
- (c) the reasons for delay in completion of the dam; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to complete construction of the said dam?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Maharashtra Government has reported that Nilwande dam is under construction since 1993. Total Expenditure incurred on dam components upto January, 2014 is Rs. 459.22 crore.
- (c) As reported by State Government, frequent agitations and stopping the work by Project Affected Persons (PAP) for their various demand e.g. 1) Land acquisition compensation, ii) Resettlement & Rehabilitation works, iii) Lift Irrigation Scheme on reservoir for tribal area etc., have led to the delay in the construction work.
- (d) The responsibility of completion of construction of dams rests with the Government of Maharashtra. As reported by the project authorities, PAPs' demands are fulfilled now, and they plan to complete the construction of dam by June, 2014.