

Irrigation project running behind schedule in NER

3090. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of irrigation projects running behind schedule in North Eastern Region, especially in Assam;
- (b) the total cost over-run due to delay in the completion of those projects;
- (c) the main reasons for the delay; and
- (d) the details of steps taken to accelerate the pace of completion of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT) : (a) to (c) The details of Major/Medium and Minor irrigation projects running behind schedule in North Eastern Region, especially in Assam, the total cost over-run due to delay in the completion of these projects and the main reasons for delay are given in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively. (*See below*).

(d) The Union Government provides Central assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to the State Government of Assam on their requests and as per the Guidelines of AIBP for completion of irrigation projects given in Statements-I and II. (*See below*). Shortcomings in the implementation of these projects are addressed during monitoring visits by Central Water Commission (CWC) field offices. Various bottle necks which affect the implementation of these projects are brought to the notice of implementing agencies and others concerned. The State Government submits action taken report resolving bottle necks reported by CWC.

Statement-I

Details of various irrigation projects running behind schedule in North East Region and cost over-run due to delay and main reasons for delay

(Rupees in crore)

Sl. No.	Project Name	Type	Original Approved Cost	Latest Approved Cost	Cost Over-runs	Time Over-run (as on 01.04.2013)	Main Reasons for Delay
1.	Dhansiri	Major	15.83 (PC 1975)	371.46 (2004 Price level)	355.63	13 years	Insufficient fund, Limited working season and Law and Order problem.
2.	Champamati	Major	15.32 (PC 1980)	309.22 (2009 Price level)	293.90	13 years	Land acquisition, Law and Order and Paucity of fund.
3.	Borolia	Medium	6.77 (PC 1980)	84.97 (2004 Price level)	78.20	13 years	Funds shortage, Land Acquisition and Law and Order problem.
4.	Burhi Dihing	Medium	1.1389 (PC 1980)	23.469 (2001-02 Price level)	22.33	12 years	Funds shortage and Non receipt of investment clearance for revised cost.

*Statement-II**Details of various irrigation projects in Assam*

Sl. No.	State	Nos. of MI schemes included	Year of inclusion	Target date of completion	Nos. of Delayed MI schemes	Reasons for delay	Cost over-run
1.	Assam	505	2009-10	31.3.2012	384	Law & Order problem and inadequate budget kept by the State	No cost escalation in the delayed MI schemes under AIBP as reported by State Government