

Kanhar Barrage scheme on Son river

†2059. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kanhar Barrage scheme was constructed on the Son river which flows along the borders of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the present position of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government has any action plan to take major steps towards a permanent solution in this direction, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) to (c) Kanhar Barrage scheme envisages a 224 m long Barrage across river Kanhar (tributary of Son river) near Khuri village of Garhwa District to provide 53283 ha. Kharif irrigation in the districts of Garhwa and Palamu of Jharkhand State.

The Kanhar Barrage Project was accepted by Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in its 135th meeting held on 12.03.2018 at an estimated cost of ₹ 1908.84 crore at 2016-17 price level. Further, investment clearance proposal of the project was submitted by Government of Jharkhand *vide* letter dated 31.10.2018. However, they have not submitted the Environmental and Forest Clearance of the project, which is a pre-requisite for the investment clearance. The Government of Jharkhand has informed that works have not been started.

Allocation of fund to Polavaram project

2060. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Polavaram project is running behind schedule, due to non-release of funds by Government in a time-bound manner;

(b) if so, the details of the amount released so far by Government against the demand of Andhra Pradesh Government;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.