

(NRDWP)%, the NRDWP could not achieve the 12th plan aim of providing safe drinking water to all rural households. The reasons are partly attributable to deficiencies in implementation by various States non-functional sustainability structures and gaps in contract management. It is the State Government that set the targets under the programme as per their annual action plans.

### **Major lift irrigation project**

1650. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Jawahar Nettampadu Lift Major Irrigation Project which benefits Mahaboob Nagar district in Telangana commenced in 2005, but has not yet been completed;
- (b) whether the gestation period has been overrun long time back;
- (c) if so, the details and reasons for cost and time overrun;
- (d) whether the likely date of completion was 2012; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for not completing within the time-frame and by when it is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) to (e) Water resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. As intimated by State Government of Telangana, Jawahar Nettampadu Lift Major Irrigation Scheme was taken up for execution in 2005. Likely year of completion was 2012. However, it is now scheduled to be completed during 2020. The project was originally sanctioned for an amount of ₹ 1428.00 crore. The cost of the project was subsequently revised twice to ₹1862.73 crore (as on May, 2014) and ₹2331.47 crore (as on November, 2016).

The State has reported that major bottleneck leading to cost and time overrun is delay inland acquisition.

### **Drought conditions in the country**

1651. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the storage in the country's reservoirs is just over normal, compared to the levels for this time of the year and those in western and southern regions are way behind those levels;