

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA
REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2169

ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

MOKAMA TAAL PROJECT

2169#. SHRI SHAMBHU SHARAN PATEL

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any assistance has been provided by the Central Government to the State Government of Bihar for the Mokama Taal Project in Patna district;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) by when the Mokama Taal Project is likely to be completed;
- (d) whether any kind of assistance has been sought by the State Government of Bihar from the Central Government for the Mokama Taal Project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (e) This Ministry provides technical support, and partial financial assistance under its ongoing schemes for the identified water resources projects. Further, techno-economic viability of the major or medium irrigation projects on inter-State river systems, multipurpose projects as well as flood control schemes, are being appraised by the concerned technical organizations under this Ministry. However, water being a State subject, it is for the State Governments concerned to take up implementation of water resources projects as per their priorities and availability of funds, etc.

Detailed project report (DPR) of Tal development scheme, having an estimated cost of Rs. 1,178.5 crore, was submitted for appraisal by Government of Bihar to Ganga Flood Control Commission under this Ministry, in August, 2020. In December, 2020, certain additional information/ compliances were sought by GFCC on the same, which are yet to be complied by the State Government.

The timeline indicated for completion of the project in the DPR is about three years. However, once the project is accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose projects under this Ministry, it is for the State Government concerned to take up the implementation of the scheme, and allocate resources, as per its priorities and availability of funds etc.

Presently, no proposal for financial assistance from Government of India for the project has been forwarded by Government of Bihar to this Ministry. In any case, acceptance by the Advisory Committee is a pre-requisite for considering central assistance to a project under the ongoing schemes of this Ministry.
