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RAJYA SABHA

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ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025

IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

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

- (a) the current status of Mekedatu, Upper Bhadra and Ettinahole irrigation and drinking water projects in the State of Karnataka;
- (b) whether Government has declared Upper Bhadra Project (UBP) as national irrigation project and if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked and released so far; and
- (c) whether the forest clearance has been obtained for Mekedatu project and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Mekedatu project was deliberated and discussed in the 28th meeting of Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) held on 01.02.2024 and after taking into account the views of the majority of the Members of the CWMA, the Authority has decided to referring back the project to Central Water Commission for examination of various technical/economical aspects of the project for establishing its feasibility. With regard to the Upper Bhadra Project and Yettinahole project, Government of Karnataka undertaking i.e. Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited is implementing the projects.

(b) Government has not declared Upper Bhadra Project as National project.

(c) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has not granted approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in respect of Mekedatu project in Karnataka
