

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 574**  
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024  
**FUNDS FOR LOWER TAPI PROJECT**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to address the problem of persistent water crisis in Jalgaon district of Maharashtra;
- (b) the time by which the required fund for the Lower Tapi Project is likely to be allocated;
- (c) the details of the plan for timely completion of the project delayed by twenty five years; and
- (d) the time line for releasing the required fund for implementation of the project under PMKSY?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**  
(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Water being a State subject, mandate for addressing water crisis, including planning, implementation and funding of irrigation projects, lies in the domain of the State Government concerned. However, central assistance to the identified irrigation projects is provided by Government of India under its ongoing schemes.

Government of Maharashtra has informed that 7 number of ongoing major irrigation projects and 4 number of ongoing medium irrigation projects are benefitting Jalgaon district of Maharashtra. These projects have ultimate storage capacity of about 1.8 billion cubic meter water, and ultimate irrigation potential of 2.32 lakh hectare.

(b) & (c) Lower Tapi project, implemented by Government of Maharashtra from its own funds, has incurred a total expenditure of Rs. 874.05 crore up to March, 2024 with balance cost projected around Rs. 2,014.44 crore. State budget allocation for the project for current financial year is reported by the State Government to be Rs 99.39 crore, and completion of the project is targeted for March, 2028.

(d) As a part of process for inclusion under PradhanMantriKrishiSinchaiYojana – Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP), the concerned Committees of this Ministry have accepted the techno-economic viability and also accorded investment clearance to Lower Tapi Project for an estimated cost of Rs. 2,888.48 crore (December, 2023 price level). However, inclusion of the project depends on successful completion of appraisal/ approval process laid down by Ministry of Finance, and approval of the competent authority based on funds availability and geographic equity under the scheme, priorities of the Government, etc. Once a project is included under PMKSY-AIBP, central assistance is disbursed as per the procedures laid down by Ministry of Finance from time to time.

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