

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3351
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SUBARNAREKHA BARRAGE PROJECT OF WEST BENGAL
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government has utilised the funds allocated for Subarnarekha Barrage Project in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the total amount allocated and actually utilised alongwith total cost of the project;
- (c) whether the project would be completed during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The State Government of West Bengal has not utilised the funds allocated for Subarnarekha Barrage Project in the Ninth Plan. Against the outlay of Rs. 100.00 crore, the expenditure incurred during the Ninth Plan is Rs. 16.48 crore only. Outlay provided for the Tenth Plan is Rs. 375.00 crore out of which Rs. 33.894 crore have been spent upto March, 2002. The cumulative expenditure under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) is Rs. 36.35 crore upto March, 2003. The latest estimated cost of the project at 2002-2003 price level is Rs. 902.53 crore.

(c) & (d) Irrigation is a State subject, such projects are planned, executed and funded by the State Government out of their own resources and priorities. The completion of the project depends upon the priority attached to it by the State Government.