

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MUMBAI (MIDDLE VAITARNA) WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Mumbai (Middle Vaitarna) Water Supply Project has been submitted to the Union Government by Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, whether the project has been found to be feasible for implementation by the seismologists;
- (c) if so, whether the environment impact assessment study as well as cost assessment of the project has also been done; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be cleared and implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay (Now, Municipal Corporation of Brihanmumbai) had submitted the feasibility report for the construction of Middle Vaitarna dam project to Central Water Commission during September, 1993 for technical scrutiny regarding construction and safety of the dam. Central Water Commission has approved the alignment of dam and spillway .

(c) & (d) On the basis of Environmental Impact Assessment Study report, the project has been appraised in the Ministry and project authorities have been advised to furnish additional information pertaining to activities envisaged within Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary, water quality and remedial measures etc, which is still awaited. Usually, decisions on projects are taken within 90 days of receipt of complete information.