

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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NARMADA DAM PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that construction of Narmada dam was targeted to be completed by 1990;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay; and
- (c) by when the dam is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) There are two major river valley projects under construction on the main Narmada river namely Indira Sagar Project (earlier known as Narmada Sagar Project) in the State of Madhya Pradesh targeted for completion by June, 2000 and Sardar Sarovar Project (Narmada Project) in the State of Gujarat targeted for completion by January, 1998.

(b) & (c) More than ninety nine per cent concreting work of the Indira Sagar Dam has been completed and the dam including installation of crest gates is scheduled for completion by May, 2005. The delay in completion of the dam is primarily due to resource crunch experienced by the State Government.

Construction work for raising the Sardar Sarovar Dam upto elevation level 110.64 metre has been completed by June, 2004 and as per the action plan approved by the Narmada Control Authority, construction of the dam upto full height is scheduled for completion by June, 2005. The delay in completion of the dam is due to the writ petition filed by the Narmada Bachao Andolan in 1994 in the Supreme Court of India against construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam and delay in resettlement and rehabilitation of the project affected families by the party States.