

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SARDAR SAROVAR PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Sardar Sarovar Project;
- (b) the total amount spent on its construction so far and the amount allocated to the State Government under various schemes;
- (c) the details of schemes for which proposals have been received during the last three years from the State Government for the Project; and
- (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) Present status of the Sardar Sarovar Project is as under: Dam: The project authorities started the construction work on spillway portion of the dam in March, 2004 and achieved Elevation Level 110.64 metre in June, 2004, which is the present height of the dam.

Power House: The Canal Head Power House is completed in all respects and work on the River Bed Power House is in progress. Both the power houses are partially generating power. Canals: The Narmada Main Canal is completed upto 357 kilometere (km) and the water is flowing upto 348 km.

(b) to (d) As reported by the Government of Gujarat, an amount of Rs. 20, 190.11 crore has been incurred on the construction of Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP). The SSP is receiving Central Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) of Central Government for completion of the irrigation component of the project and an amount of Rs. 4238.25 crore has so far been provided as Central Loan Assistance/grant including Rs. 2177 crore released during the last three years. During the current year, no proposal for AIBP funding for the Sardar Sarovar Project has been received so far. The Sardar Sarovar Project Phase-I was included under the Command Area Development and Water Management Programme of the Government in 2003-04 for an estimated cost of Rs. 955.64 crore for 5 years. The Central Government has made reimbursement of Rs. 41.1 crore as Central assistance under the programme against the eligible central share expenditre of Rs. 44.196 crore upto first quarter of 2005-06 after adjusting the previous backog lying with the State Government as unutilized. The proposal of the State Government to include Sardar Sarovar Project Phase-II(A) under the Programme, with estimated cost of Rs. 429.6 crore, received in September, 2004, was not included as any new project can be considered for inclusion only if any of the on-going project is completed or deleted from the programme.