

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4552
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MASSAN DAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct Massan Dam to check water flowing through hilly rivers from Nepal into Western Champaran of Bihar and thereby utilizing it; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Dam is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government of Bihar had started the construction of Massan Dam in Western Champaran district of Bihar in VII Plan period at an estimated cost of Rs. 57.96 crore to create irrigation potential of 81.65 th. ha. However, the project could not be completed due to Environment problems.

Now the State Government has informed that they are keen to restart execution of Massan dam, work on which is held up since the year 1992, owing to a part of the submergence area falling under the reservoir having been declared reserved for National Park, wild life sanctuary and Tiger Project. Fresh initiatives have been made by the Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar and discussions have been held recently with the officials of the Environment and Forest Department, who have suggested to seek permission of the Indian Wild Life Council, Hon'ble Supreme Court and other related authorities. The State Government is exploring its options in this regard.

Considering the environmental constraints of the project, it is not possible to give a time frame for the clearance of this project and acquisition thereof.