

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government had implemented the Hydrology Project Phase-I during 1995-2003;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Hydrology Project Phase-II is likely to be implemented soon; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Hydrology Project Phase – I (HP-I) was implemented during 1995-2003 by nine States and six Central Agencies. These states are Andhra Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and the Central Agencies are Central Water Commission(CWC), Central Ground Water Board(CGWB), Central Water & Power Research Station(CWPRS), India Meteorological Department (IMD), National Institute of Hydrology(NIH) and Ministry of Water Resources. The project cost (as implemented) for HP-I was Rs. 605.28 crores. The main objective of the Project was to establish a Hydrological Information System (HIS) and to improve institutional capacity of implementing agencies to build, operate and utilize the HIS.

Accordingly, Hydrological Information System (HIS) to provide reliable, comprehensive and timely hydrological and hydro meteorological data was created. Under this system 916 river gauge stations, 7912 observation wells and 436 hydro

meteorological stations for collecting surface and ground water data were set up/upgraded. A number of Data processing and storage centers equipped with specialized computer facility were established. Sophisticated equipments, computers were provided and new buildings and water quality laboratories established. Institutional strengthening with technical assistance and training was also provided under the project.

(c) The Hydrology Project Phase – II (HP-II) has been launched in April, 2006 and is under implementation.

(d) HP-II is a follow-on of Hydrology Project Phase-I. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 631.83 crores. The objectives of the project are to extend HIS in the four new state agencies of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Goa and Pondicherry and two new central agencies of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB); extend and promote the sustained and effective use of Hydrological Information System (HIS) by the implementing agencies for water resource planning and management; strengthening the capabilities of implementing agencies in data utilization for water resources planning and management; and providing Awareness building and out reach services about HIS use. Thus the total implementing agencies in HP-II are 13 states/UTs and 8 Central Agencies. The project is proposed to be implemented over a period of six years.