

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) The stage at which the `Puli Chintala Project` in Andhra Pradesh stands at present ;
- (b) The funds spent thereon so far; and
- (c) The time by which it is likely to be completed ?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) Puli Chintala Irrigation Project is an unapproved major irrigation project across the Krishna river in Andhra Pradesh benefiting 575 thousand ha in Guntur, Krishna, Prakasham and West Godavari Districts. It was received in Central Water Commission for appraisal in July, 1993. The project was accepted by the TAC of Ministry of Water Resources in its meeting held on 3rd April, 1996 for Rs.506.20 crore (1995-96 SOR) subject to clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forest (MOEF) and Ministry of Tribal Affairs and compliance to outstanding comments on concrete and masonry dam design aspects. Environmental aspects have been cleared by the MOEF in July, 2005. But forest clearance and compliance to other observations is to be provided by State Government. The clearance to the project by the Central Appraising Agencies depends upon the promptness with which the State Government replies to the observations of the Central Appraising Agencies.

The latest estimated cost of the project reported by the State Government is Rs.607.25 crore. The likely expenditure up to end of 10th plan is Rs.391.80 crore. The project is proposed to be completed by 2008-09 by the State Government.