GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1262
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JAKHAU FISHERY HARBOUR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accorded approval for development of fishing harbour at Jakhau with 100 per cent Central assistance;

(b) whether there has been cost and time overrun of the project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government of Gujarat have submitted revised cost estimates of the project;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the follow up action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India had in May 1993 accorded approval for development of a fishing harbour at Jakhau in Kutch District of Gujarat at a cost of Rs. 1143.60 lakh with 100% Central assistance due to its strategic location. Entire approved cost of Rs. 1143.60 lakh has been released to the State Government in six instalments for completion of the project.

(b) to (f): Yes, Madam. The Jakahau Fishing Harbour Project was approved with a stipulation that the Government of Gujrat will complete the project within a period of three years. The State Government could not complete the project within the approved cost and time. They submitted a Revised Cost Estimate (RCE) proposal initially with a cost escalation from Rs. 1143.60 lakh to Rs. 3319.34 lakh in February 2000. The project cost was subsequently again revised on several occasions by the State Government to (i) Rs. 2925 lakh in October, 2000, (ii) Rs. 2455 lakh in March 2002, (iii) Rs. 5291 lakh in May, 2005, (iv) Rs. 3157 lakh in November, 2006 and (v) Rs. 3483.90 lakh in March 2007. After examination of the Revised Cost Estimates (RCE) the Government of Gujarat has been repeatedly requested to submit a complete comprehensive and final RCE proposal.