

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Starred Question No. : 33

Sub : Delay in Commissioning of the greater Algapur–Hailakandi Water Supply Scheme in 122 Algapur Katlicherra LAC
MLA : Shri Zubair Anam Mazumder :

Will the Minister of Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state:

(a) Will the Govt. State the exact date of sanction and physical commencement of the Greater Algapur Hailakandi Water Supply Scheme, along with its current percentage of work completed and the definitive timeline for its final commissioning?

(b) Whether the Government is aware that a vast population within the 122 Algapur Katlicherra LAC continues to face severe drinking water shortages due to the prolonged execution delays of this specific mega project?

(c) Kindly state the administrative reasons for the delay in completion and whether any penalties have been imposed on the executing contractors or agencies for failing to meet original project deadlines.

(d) What concrete interim measures and emergency water distribution works are being deployed by the Government to ensure safe and adequate drinking water to the affected residents until the schemes becomes fully operational ?

ANSWER

The Hon'ble Minister of Public Health Engineering Department Shri Krishnendu Paul will give the answer:

a) The Greater Algapur-Hailakandi Water Supply Scheme was accorded Administrative Approval on 19.09.2015, and the physical work commenced on 08.10.2015. As on date, the physical progress of the scheme is about 88%. The scheme is tentatively targeted for final commissioning by December 2027.

b) Yes. The Government is aware of the delay in completion of the project and the inconvenience faced by the residents. Necessary efforts are being made to expedite completion of the remaining works.

c) The delay in completion of the project is mainly attributable to the following reasons:

i) During the baseline survey conducted in 2019, the requirement of Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) increased from 16,810 to 21,593, necessitating substantial enhancement of the distribution network and associated infrastructure.

ii) The proposed location of the Water Treatment Plant had to be shifted from the vicinity of Algapur Bazar to Chandipur Bagan due to non-availability of suitable land, resulting in considerable delay.

iii) A court case relating to the intake works during 2018, followed by disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, adversely affected project execution.

iv) Time required for obtaining the necessary permissions and clearances from various Government agencies affected project timeline.

v) Damage to the pipeline network due to road improvement works, necessitating restoration and rectification before resumption of water supply works, thus delaying progress.

vi) Standstill period of JJM

No penalty has been imposed on the executing agency as on date. However, an unreleased balance of ₹14.69 crore remains available under the project. Further, in the event of foreclosure/cancellation of the contract, an amount of ₹13.28 crore can be realized through the encashment of Bank Guarantees (Performance Security and Mobilization Advance) and adjustment of the Holdback Amount. Accordingly, a total amount of ₹ 27.97 crore would be available under the project for execution of the balance works through a newly appointed contractor, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. The detailed financial statement is placed at Annexure-I.

d) No interim measures have been undertaken by the Government as on date. However, the Department is exploring the possibility of phase-wise partial commissioning of the project, wherever technically feasible, with the objective of extending safe drinking water supply to the beneficiaries at the earliest, prior to the final commissioning of the entire scheme.

Financial Details of Greater Algapur–Hailakandi Water Supply Scheme

Particulars	Amount
Revised Project Cost	₹140.60 crore
Amount Released	₹125.91 crore
a) RA Bill (M/S S.N Envirotech Pvt. Ltd)	₹117.77 crore
b) GST @ 18%	₹7.13 crore
c) Payment made to M/S DA Builders & Consultancy	₹1.01 crore
Financial Progress (excluding GST)	83.76%
A. Remaining Project Cost Available	₹14.69 crore
B. Bank Guarantee (BG) against Performance Security	₹ 6.95 crore
C. Bank Guarantee (BG) against Mobilization Advance	₹ 0.14 crore
D. Holdback Amount (Security Deposit retained from RA Bills)	₹ 6.19 crore
E. Total Available Security (Performance BG + Mobilization BG + Holdback Amount)	₹13.28 crore
Total Project Cost Available (A+ E) (in case of Foreclosure)	₹27.97 crore


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