

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
REPLY DATE -28/07/2026

Starred Question No. : 253
Sub : Drinking Water Crisis
MLA : Shri Pradyut Bordoloi :

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

- (a) Will the Govt. State the present status of the South-East Guwahati Water Supply Project which covers major parts of Dispur Constituency including Beltola, Dispur, Six Mile, Khanapara, Rukminigaon, Hatigaon, Panjabari and adjoining areas?
- (b) What is the total project cost, percentage of physical progress achieved, and the expected date of full commissioning of the project?
- (c) The number of households in Dispur Constituency that have been provided with piped water connections under the projects and how many areas are yet to be covered.
- (d) Whether the Government has conducted any survey on fluoride and arsenic contamination in groundwater sources within Dispur Constituency? Is so, the ward-wise/locality-wise details of affected areas may be furnished.
- (e) Whether the Government proposes to establish regular groundwater quality monitoring stations in Dispur Constituency and provide safe alternative drinking water to residents of affected areas?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per decision of the Assam Cabinet meeting held on 21.07.2023, the South-East Guwahati Water Supply Project (SEGWSP) was brought under the ambit of Guwahati Jal Board, with financial assistance from the New Development Bank (NDB).

The South-East Guwahati Water Supply Project was initially taken up under Phase-I with financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The project commenced on 09.03.2012, and 17% of work was completed under Phase-I on 30 September 2021.

Thereafter, the remaining works were taken up under Phase-II with financial assistance from the New Development Bank (NDB).

The Cabinet accorded revised Administrative Approval for Rs. 1,420.76 crore (excluding O&M cost) to South-East Guwahati Water Supply Project on 10th March, 2026 and awarded the DBO (Design, Build & Operate) Contract to M/s Larsen & Toubro Limited. The Contract Agreement was signed on 07.04.2026, Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on 13.05.2026 and the Date of Commencement is 26.05.2026.

After completion of the procurement formalities, the project is scheduled to be completed by May 2029, as per timeline given.

Initial activities including topographical survey, household consumer survey, geotechnical investigations, design preparation and site readiness works are in progress.

- (b) Project Cost: ₹1,420.76 Crore.

Contract Price awarded to L&T: Rs. 1367.95 Crore including O&M Cost of Rs. 48.40 Crore.

Physical Progress: The project is presently in the pre-construction/design and mobilization stage. Surveys and investigations are in progress.

Expected date of full of Commissioning: May 2029.

- (c) GJB is providing drinking water to a part of the Dispur Constituency through South-Central Guwahati Water Supply Project (SCGWSP). Areas covered under Dispur Constituency in SCGWSP are Lachit Nagar, Srimantapur, Rupnagar, Ganeshguri, Kacharibasti, Dispur, Jatia, Kahilipara, Odalbakra, Beharbari, Lokhra, Sorusojai, Dakhingaon and Hatigaoan etc. At present, approximately 35,676 households in Dispur Constituency have been provided with piped water connections under the SCGWSP.

However, major part of areas/households under Dispur Constituency will avail water through South-East Guwahati Water Supply Project (SEGWSP). The project is expected to be completed by May, 2029. No household water connections have yet been provided under the SEGWSP as execution of distribution works has not commenced. As per the survey conducted, the SEGWSP is expected to provide potable drinking water to around 66,000 households covering around 3.5 lakh population once it is fully commissioned.

- (d). The PHE Department has not conducted any such survey in Dispur Constituency.

- (e). No proposals have been made by the PHE Department to establish regular groundwater quality monitoring stations in Dispur Constituency.