

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3446
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2002
CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD IRRIGATION CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of proposals from State Governments particularly Karnataka Government to increase the Unit cost of construction of Field Irrigation Channels have been received by the Union Government during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the details of proposals approved by the Union Government during the said period, year-wise; and
- (d) the reasons for pendency of large number of proposals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3446, REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD IRRIGATION CHANNELS TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-04-2002.

(a) to (d) At present, under the Centrally sponsored Command Area Development programme, central assistance for construction of field channels in the North eastern States, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana of Rajasthan is provided considering the unit cost of construction as Rs. 10,000/- per ha and in other States as Rs. 6000/- per ha. During the last three years some States, including Karnataka State, has submitted proposals for revision of the unit cost for construction of field channels, details of which are given below:

Name of State	Year of receipt of proposal	Details of the proposal
Kerala	1999	To enhance the unit cost of construction to Rs. 15,000/- per ha.
Karnataka	2000	To enhance the unit cost of construction to Rs. 10,000/- per ha.
Rajasthan	2001	To enhance the unit cost of construction to Rs. 15,000/- per ha.
Meghalaya	2001	To enhance the unit cost of construction to Rs. 25,000/- per ha.

The Ministry of Water Resources could not consider upward revision of cost norms for construction of field channels, as these norms were fixed as the financing pattern of central assistance approved for the 9th Five Year Plan (1997-2001) for implementation of Command Area Development Programme. However, the Working Group set up by Planning Commission on Command Area Development Programme for the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-2007) has recommended upward revision of cost norms for construction of field channels.