

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2780  
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PENDING IRRIGATION PROJECTS  
MUNI LALL

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many major and medium irrigation projects are pending for more than 10 years, fully or partially funded by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have funded the Durgawati Jalasai Yojana in the District of Kaimur in Bihar, but the project could not be completed even after a lapse of 33 years; and
- (d) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to complete the project?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Irrigation being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, investigation, funding alongwith priority, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, including irrigation and flood control primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves. No major / medium irrigation proect is fully or partially funded by the Union Government. However the Central Government is providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to such ongoing approved major and medium irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and an amount of Rs. 9725.59 crore has been released to 155 major and medium irrigation projects in 23 States since inception of this progamme in 1996-97.

(c) & (d) The Durgawati project was started in 1976 with an estimated cost of Rs. 25.30 crore. This irrigation project of Bihar has been included under AIBP for its early completion and an amount of Rs. 45.63 crore has been released to this project as CLA under AIBP since inception of this programme in 1996-97.