

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO ANDHRA PRADESH FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several international organizations are coming forward to fund irrigation projects on Godavari in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the assistance proposed to be provided by the Government to the State Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) At present, the World Bank assisted 'Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project-III' is under implementation which includes the development on Godavari river. Another World Bank aided 'Andhra Pradesh Economic Restructuring Project (Irrigation Component)' also includes some rehabilitation works in the Godavari Delta System. Apart from the above two schemes, no proposal for external funding for irrigation projects on Godavari has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Reportedly, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of Austria on 5.6.2003 for exploring the possibility of development of Irrigation, Hydro-electric Power, Health and Infrastructure related projects like Urban Transport. As per the MOU, the Austrian side shall explore the possibilities for extending appropriate technical and financial assistance including commercial loans for the identified and short-listed projects which includes Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme at Devadula on river Godavari.