

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1769  
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LIFT IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF KARNATAKA  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the lift irrigation projects of Karnataka have been languishing due to paucity of funds;
- (b) if so, whether inspite of Government sanctioning funds, major irrigation and lift irrigation projects remain ignored;
- (c) if so, the details of projects not completed due to paucity of funds in Karnataka;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide required financial assistance to the State Government to implement the projects in the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) The State Government has reported that major irrigation projects and lift irrigation projects in the State are in progress as per the programme drawn and allocation of funds for the current year.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d)&(e) The Central Government launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in 1996-97 to provide Central Loan Assistance (CLA) with the objective to accelerate the implementation of such approved major/medium irrigation projects which were in an advanced stage of completion and beyond the resources capability of the State Governments. Under the programme, CLA/grant of Rs. 2403.92 crore has been provided upto November, 2005 for 8 major/medium irrigation projects.