

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government for Central assistance for implementation of irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto and the assistance likely to be released to the State Government for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government is providing Central Assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 for such approved major/medium irrigation projects proposed by the States which are in an advanced stage of construction and beyond the resources capability of the States that can be completed in four financial years. Grant component has been introduced under the programme since 2004-05. The central assistance is provided subject to the ceiling fixed by the Planning Commission. The loan portion of the central assistance is to be raised by the State Government.