

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:81
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2007
PENDING IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several centrally assisted major/medium irrigation projects which commenced during the Ninth and the Tenth Five year Plans are still incomplete;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise, State-wise;
- (c) whether the working Group on Eleventh Plan constituted by the Planning Commission has submitted its recommendations to the Government;
- (d) if so, the future road map for completion of the remaining projects and new projects to be taken up during the Eleventh Plan Period; and
- (e) the Central Loan Assistance/Grants provided by the Union Government to States, State-wise and project-wise in the last three years?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 81 FOR ANSWER ON 05.03.2007 REGARDING PENDING IRRIGATION PROJECTS Up to 15th February 2007, Central Assistance under AIBP was provided to 212 major/medium projects. Of these, 52 projects were taken up under AIBP assistance in the last year of the 8th Plan and the balance 160 projects have been taken up during the 9th and 10th Plans. So far, 55 projects are reported to have been completed. The State Governments have indicated possible completion of 30 projects by March 2007 as per MOU.

The Working Group constituted by the Planning Commission for Eleventh Plan has submitted its report.

The Central Government has initiated several measures for expeditious completion of ongoing projects under AIBP which include, vigorous monitoring of projects, linking utilization of Central Assistance to physical achievements in terms of potential creation, release of grants based on the Memorandum of Understanding and Utilisation Certificates, conversion of grant provided into Loan in case project targets are not achieved.

The Eleventh Five Year Plan envisages creation of total irrigation potential of 50.98 lakh ha through major and medium irrigation projects. The projects to be included in Eleventh Plan are ongoing projects spilling over from Tenth Plan, ongoing and new projects of the Prime Minister's relief package for agrarian distress districts, projects benefiting drought prone/tribal areas, projects benefiting States having irrigation development below National Average and other selected projects.

A Statement indicating state wise names of the ongoing AIBP projects, year of inclusion in AIBP, present status of completion, Central Assistance provided during the last three years, targeted potential under AIBP and potential created up to March 2006 is enclosed.