

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN COMMON MINIMUM PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) has accorded highest priority to irrigation sector;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has decided under NCMP to complete existing irrigation projects in three to four years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any of the existing irrigation project has so far been completed during the last three years and till date; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir, The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) states that irrigation will receive highest investment priority and all on-going projects will be completed according to a strict time schedule and that water management in all its aspects, both for irrigation and drinking purposes will receive urgent attention.
- (b) & (c) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are conceived, planned and implemented by the respective State Governments as per their own priority. However, Government of India provides central assistance to the State Governments for completion of on-going irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) as per the guidelines. Further, the AIBP criteria have been relaxed and procedures simplified to cover more projects under this programme.
- (d) & (e) As per the information provided by the State Governments, 61 major and medium irrigation projects which were provided assistance under AIBP have been completed during the last three years. The list of the completed projects is Annex. 1709 minor irrigation schemes have also been completed during this period with assistance from AIBP.