

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF KARNATAKA  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought access to cheaper sources of funds to finance its on-going irrigation projects in the State; and

(b) if so, the assistance provided by the Union Government to the State Government during the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) The State Government of Karnataka has reported that the State has sought access to cheaper sources of funds to finance its on going irrigation projects. The Union Government has been providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme(AIBP) to eight major/medium irrigation projects of Karnataka since inception of the programme in 1996-97. The CLA under AIBP is released depending upon the ceiling fixed by the Planning Commission. During the current year Planning Commission has fixed CLA ceiling of Rs.250.00 crore for Karnataka.