

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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ADOPTION OF IRRIGATION PROJECTS AS NATIONAL PROJECT

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has accorded approval for adoption of the fourteen irrigation projects as National Projects under the River interlinking project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds spent or proposed to be spent on the construction of each of these projects;
- (c) whether any funds have been released to the State Governments for construction of these projects;
- (d) if so, the amount of funds released as well as the budgetary allocation made by the Government during 2008-09;
- (e) whether any time frame has been fixed for completion of construction of these projects sanctioned as National Projects; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, project-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) The Government of India has declared 14 water resources projects as National Projects as per details given in Annex-I. Out of these, three projects namely Gosikhurd project of Maharashtra, Teesta Barrage Project of West Bengal and Shahpur Kandi Project of Punjab are already getting central grant assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme. No funds have been spent on these projects under the scheme of funding of national projects. No budgetary allocations under the scheme of National Projects have been made for 2008-09. Time frame for completion of these projects has not been finalized.