

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of irrigation projects approved in Himachal Pradesh during last three years;
- (b) the details regarding share of central and the State Government in the expenditure involved;
- (c) the funds released by the Central Government during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the number of projects completed/still under construction alongwith the likely date of completion of such projects?

Answer

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

(a) 4 Irrigation projects namely, Balh valley, Sidhata, Shahnahar and Changer area are approved by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources on Irrigation, Flood Control & Multipurpose Projects during last three years. Of these, 2 projects namely, Sidhata and Shahnahar have also been approved by the Planning Commission. In addition, 236 minor irrigation schemes have been approved by Himachal Pradesh, and taken up under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) for construction.

(b) Under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme under which financial assistance is provided by the central government for completion of ongoing irrigation major & medium projects and surface water minor irrigation schemes, the central government provides 90% grant assistance to Himachal Pradesh and balance 10% is to be arranged by the State Government.

(c) Year wise grant released under AIBP to Himachal Pradesh is given below:

Year Grant released (in Rs. Crore)

2005-06 30.0785

2006-07 3.93

2007-08 114.05

(d) No major/medium project taken under AIBP has been completed. The target date of completion of ongoing major/medium projects under AIBP as per Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) is given below:

Name of the project Target date of completion

Shahnahar Project 2010-11

Sidhata Project 2009-10

Changer Area Project 2010-11

Out of 236 surface Minor Irrigation schemes included in AIBP during last three years, 76 schemes have been completed. The target date of completion of these schemes as per Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Government of Himachal Pradesh is March 2009.