

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:928

ANSWERED ON:03.03.2010

IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN UTTAR PRADESH

Jaiswal Shri Gorakh Prasad ;Premdas Shri ;Vardhan Shri Harsh

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing irrigation projects in Uttar Pradesh and the funds allocated by the Union Government to each of the projects, project-wise;
- (b) whether some irrigation projects are running behind the time schedule including the Saryu Nahar Project and Amrahat Project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, project-wise;
- (d) the action taken by the Government to expedite completion of the delayed projects; and
- (e) the details of proposals for new irrigation projects received from the State for approval and action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) The details of ongoing Major, Medium and Extension, Renovation & Modernization (ERM) projects in Uttar Pradesh are given at Annexure-I. Irrigation is a state subject and irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the concerned State Governments from their own resources as per their own priorities. However, Central Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for expeditious completion of ongoing projects as per the guidelines of the programme in force from time to time. The details of Central Assistance provided to the irrigation projects of Uttar Pradesh under AIBP is given at Annexure-II.

(b)&(c) The target date of completion of ongoing Major, Medium and ERM projects of Uttar Pradesh under AIBP as per Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are given at Annexure-II. The general problems faced by irrigation projects in timely completion of the project include land acquisition problem, forest clearance, contractual problems, etc. Certain components of Saryu Canal Project were proposed by the State under AIBP during the year 1996-97. The total amount of Central Assistance (Loan/Grant) extended to Saryu Canal Project so far is Rs.747.73 crore. As per the MOU signed by the State Government, the project components under AIBP are targeted for completion by March, 2010. No project namely Amarahat has been received in Central Water Commission for appraisal. However, a project namely Umarhut Pump Canal in Uttar Pradesh is a completed project of VII Plan. Further, Umarhut Pump Canal Phase-II (New ERM) has been accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources on 28.01.2010 for an estimated cost of Rs.73.69 crore.

(d) An amount of Rs.2865.23 crore has been released as Central Assistance for 20 Major/ Medium/ERM irrigation projects (including one interstate project) of Uttar Pradesh as proposed by them under AIBP so far. Out of them 10 projects have been completed.

(e) As per the list of projects of Uttar Pradesh under appraisal in Central Water Commission (CWC), 6 projects have been approved by Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources and another 6 projects of Uttar Pradesh are at various stages of appraisal in CWC.