

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS FUNDED BY FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the assistance provided by the foreign financial institutions including World Bank for implementation of irrigation projects is not being utilized fully and properly by the respective State Governments;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The assistance provided by the foreign financial institutions including World Bank for implementation of irrigation projects is being utilized by the respective State Governments as per terms and conditions relating to such assistances. However, there are some projects, namely, Madhya Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Project, Uttar Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Project, Minor Irrigation Programme, Maharashtra and Rajasthan Minor Irrigation Improvement Project, in which there is slow progress in utilization of assistance. These are due to delay in land acquisition, clearances from other Departments including from local bodies, issues of rehabilitation, delay in appointment of consultants, frequent transfer of project staff, lack of adequate skilled technical manpower, failure on the part of contractors to carry out the civil works involved and non-availability of inland suppliers and/or inadequate response to the global tenders. The steps taken by the Government, inter-alia, include regular and periodic monitoring of projects at the sectoral level (external agency wise) and state level for all projects.