

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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MAJOR AND MEDIUM IRRIGATION PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of ongoing major and medium irrigation projects in the country are being developed without the necessary clearance and approval of the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not according approval to these projects; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): As per report of the Working Group on Water Resources for Eleventh Five Year Plan constituted by the Planning Commission, 90 major, 136 medium and 74 Extension Renovation & Modernization (ERM) projects totaling to 300 projects were likely to spill over from Tenth to Eleventh Five Year Plan.

In order to expedite techno-economic clearances to the projects, the Ministry of Water Resources has considerably increased the frequency of holding meeting of the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control & Multipurpose Projects. It is for the State Governments to comply with observations of the Central Appraising Agencies and obtain required mandatory clearances and submit the same to the Central Water Commission so that project proposal could be put up to the said Advisory Committee for considering techno-economic clearance.