

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total funds provided for the exploration and survey of means of irrigation in Maharashtra including Vidarbha during the last two years;
- (b) the details of new irrigation projects started in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra during the above period; and
- (c) the arrangements made to ensure adequate irrigation facilities in Vidarbha region in the future?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Irrigation is a State subject and planning, execution and funding of irrigation projects including their survey and exploration is within the purview of the respective State Governments. No funds have been provided to the Maharashtra for survey and exploration of means of irrigation. However, Union Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments for expeditious completion of ongoing irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme as per guidelines of the programme in force from time to time. The details of irrigation projects taken up in the Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra during 2008-09 to 2010-11 are given in Annex-I.