

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of on going dam projects in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether all these projects are pending due to delay in releasing funds by the Union Government;
- (c) whether any memorandum from the Government of Maharashtra has been received by the Union Government for completing all these projects;
- (d) if so, the time by which decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (e) the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Irrigation is a State subject and planning, execution, funding and priority of execution of irrigation projects are within the purview of the respective State Governments. However, Union Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) as per guidelines of the programme in force from time to time. The names of the ongoing major/medium projects of Maharashtra including dams and funds released to them under AIBP during Eleventh Plan are given in Annex-I.

So far, 186 Surface Water Minor Irrigation Schemes (SWMIS) have been funded under AIBP of which, 90 schemes have been completed and 96 are ongoing. So far, grant amounting to Rs.678.4562 crore has been released for these SWMIS. The names of the ongoing SWMIS and districts in which these are located are given in Annex-II.

Chief Minister of Maharashtra had addressed a letter dated 28th July 2010 to the Prime Minister requesting inter-alia for enhanced allocation to the State under AIBP. However, Government of Maharashtra is required to discuss this issue with the Planning Commission during Plan discussions. The Government of Maharashtra has been informed accordingly.