

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXTERNALLY ASSISTED CENTRAL SCHEMES IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of Central Schemes financed from abroad are running behind schedule in Rajasthan; and
- (b) The reasons for delay in their implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE:(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b): There was initial delay in meeting early milestones with respect to two projects, namely: (i) Mitigating Poverty in Western Rajasthan, funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) & (ii) Rajasthan Minor Irrigation Improvement Project funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The IFAD project was delayed due to restrictions imposed during the implementation of election code of conduct in various elections, as well as delay in selection of Field Level Non Government Organizations (FNGOs). The JICA project was delayed on account of finalization consultancy component and appointment of international consultant. However, the above problems have since been sorted out.