

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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PROGRESS OF ONGOING IRRIGATION PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of the progress of the ongoing irrigation projects in the country, State-wise; .
- (b) the details of the projects which are likely to be completed during the year 2009-2010;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized during last three years and the current year for these projects; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government for the speedy completion of irrigation projects in the States including Koraput-Bolangir-Kalahandi districts of Orissa?

**Answer**

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

(a) Presently there are 553 projects (182 major, 273 medium and 98 ERM) ongoing in XI Plan. Out of total latest estimated cost of Rs.272403.78 crore of these projects, Rs.129890.46 crore has been anticipated to be incurred upto X Plan and balance of Rs. 142513.26 crore is likely to spill over to XI Plan. Out of the total ultimate irrigation potential of 21291.04 th.ha. through these projects, 8335.5 th.ha. was anticipated to be created upto X Plan leaving balance potential of 12961.39 th.ha. in XI Plan . The State-wise details are given at Annex.-I.

(b) The physical and financial assessment of irrigation projects is carried out on Plan to Plan basis. As per assessment carried out by the Working Group on Water Resources for the XI Five year Plan, 72 major, 133 medium and 132 ERM projects are likely to be completed during XI Plan.

(c) & (d) Irrigation is a state subject and planning, execution and funding of the irrigation projects is carried out by the state governments as per their own priority. In order to expedite completion of ongoing irrigation projects in the country, the Central Government introduced Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme in 1996-97 to provide financial assistance to selected major/medium projects and subsequently to surface water Minor Irrigation schemes. Year wise total grant released to state governments under the AIBP to major, medium ERM projects and surface water Minor irrigation schemes is given in the following Table:

(Rs. In crore)

Sl.No. Year Total grant released under AIBP

1 2006-07 2301.9722

2 2007-08 5445.7051

3 2008-09 7598.2213

4 2009-10 706.3059

(up to 23.6.2009)

Total central assistance provided under AIBP since inception of programme till 23.6.09 is of Rs.36490.0882 crore. Since inception of the programme, central assistance amounting to Rs.2758.3147 crore has been provided to the state of Orissa which also includes projects of KBK districts of the Orissa.