

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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PENDING PROJECTS FOR STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of central projects for Chhatisgarh pending due to non-release of funds by the Central Government;
- (b) the time by which these projects are pending along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps being taken to expedite the matter;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide funds directly to project development institution; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation monitors Central projects costing Rs. 150 crores and above. As on 1st January, 2011, there are 19 on-going projects at different phases of implementation in Chhatisgarh. Out of these, 6 projects are running behind Schedule with respect to their original date of commissioning (DOC). The time overrun ranges from 9 to 48 months.

Main reasons for delayed implementation of Central Projects include problems in acquiring land, increase in prices of cement and steel, failure of suppliers in timely supply of equipment, poor mobilization by contractors and constraints in providing basic infrastructure. The Government is monitoring the progress with a view to taking necessary steps for eliminating delays.