

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the water project proposals received by the Union Government from the Government of Tamil Nadu on which work is in progress;
- (b) the details of proposals received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu which are pending for approval; and
- (c) the date from which the proposals are pending alongwith the proposal-wise reasons for pendency of each of such proposals?

**Answer**

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

(a) A proposal of water resources consolidation project of Tamil Nadu was received in 1996-97 for AIBP funding. During 1996-97, Water Resources Consolidation Project (WRCP) of Tamil Nadu was brought under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) and Central Loan Assistance (CLA) of Rs. 20.00 crore was released to the project. However, the State Government has discontinued the project under AIBP. No further proposals have been received from State Govt. of Tamil Nadu for inclusion under AIBP for Major/ Medium irrigation Projects. Also, Government of India has approved two schemes on Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies (i) one with external assistance with an outlay of Rs. 1500 crore and (ii) the other with domestic support with an outlay of Rs. 1250 crore for implementation during the XI plan period but no funds have been released to the State Government of Tamil Nadu under the scheme of RRR of the water bodies with domestic support. However, under the scheme of RRR of water bodies with external assistance World Bank Loan Agreement has been signed with Tamil Nadu for Rs.2182 crore to restore 5763 water bodies having a CCA of 4 lakh hectares. As per the latest information received work has been completed in 2407 water bodies.

(b)&(c) Two numbers of major/medium irrigation project proposals as follows have been received from State Government of Tamil Nadu for appraisal in Central Water Commission (CWC):

(i) Excavation of Link Canal to interconnect Ponnaiyar River with Palar River through Cheyyar River and augmenting supply to Nandan canal in Thiruvannamalai District of Tamil Nadu. The Detailed Project Report of the project was received in Central Water Commission in February' 2009. There were number of correspondences between CWC and Project Authorities/ State Government. The observations in respect of relevant aspects of the project were sent to the Project Authorities/ State Government during February'2009 to May'2009 and latest observations in December 2011. Further, the statutory Environment and Forest clearances of Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) are awaited for the project proposal from Project Authorities. Project Authorities has informed in January'2012 that necessary actions are being taken for compliances of observations of Central Water Commission.

(ii) Formation of flood carrier canal from Kannadian Channel to drought prone area of Sathankulam, Thisaiyanvilal, by interlinking Tamiraparani, Karumeniyar and Nambiyar rivers in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts of Tamil Nadu.

The revised cost estimate (at 2011-12 Price Level) of the project was submitted to CWC in November'2011. The observations of CWC on various aspects of the project have been sent to the State Government during November'2011 to February'2012. Further, the statutory Environment clearance of Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) is awaited for the project proposal from Project Authorities.

Apart from above, no revised estimate of any irrigation project has been received from Govt. of Tamil Nadu for appraisal in CWC.