

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has declared certain irrigation projects as national projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme and provided 90 percent assistance to them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State of Uttar Pradesh for determining the national projects on the basis of population, geographical area and the actual sown area of the State and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of funds released to national water projects in the last five years especially to Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the details of requests pending with the Government for declaration as national projects including the status of the Rengali and Bargi projects?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 7.2.2008 approved the scheme of national projects and also approved 14 projects as national projects. The list of 14 projects approved as national projects is enclosed at Annexure-I.

As per the Guidelines of National Projects, the projects are eligible for 90% grant of the balance project cost (cost of work) of irrigation and drinking water components of the project.

At present, the scheme of National Projects is being funded from the allocationas available under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP).

(c) The Union Government has received two project proposals namely Saryu Nahar Pariyojana and Restoring Capacity of Sharda Sahayak Project from the state of Uttar Pradesh for declaration as National Projects. The project proposals submitted by the State Governments are processed as per the Guidelines of National Projects.

(d) So far, three projects namely Gosikhurd Project of Maharashtra, Shahpur Kandi Project of Punjab and Teesta Barrage Project of West Bengal have been funded under the scheme of National Projects and Rs.2768.376 crores have been released as Central Assistance (CA) to these projects. No project of Andhra Pradesh has been declared as National Project.

(e) Subsequent to the declaration of 14 projects as National Projects, 13 project proposals from different States have been received for inclusion in the scheme of National Projects. The details of these 13 project proposals including Rengali and Bargi projects are given at Annexure-II.