

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of West Bengal has sought any approval from the Central Government for agricultural irrigation projects recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Central Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) & (c) No agricultural irrigation project has recently been received from the State Government of West Bengal for approval. However, the project proposal 'Subarnarekha Barrage project' received by Central Water Commission (CWC) in June, 2008, was returned in November, 2011 to the State Government for want of Forest clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forests. The project proposal 'Dwarakeswar-Gandheswari Reservoir Project' received by CWC in April, 2007 was treated as returned to the State Government in December, 2010 as soundness of the proposal was not established.