

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF CANALS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of irrigation projects sanctioned in the country during the last three years alongwith the details thereof showing their present condition;
- (b) the number of canals in which water is flowing and the number of canals which are dried up in the country creating difficulty for the farmers in irrigating their fields; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve canal irrigation facility?

Answer

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) During last three years up to March 2012, total 142 Nos. of proposals of Major/Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects have been accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR). Out of the above 142 proposals, 24 Projects have been completed so far and 110 Projects are ongoing. Works in respect of 8 projects have not started. The State-wise list of the MMI proposals of Irrigation projects accepted by the Advisory Committee of MoWR during last three years is given at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) The operation and regulation of water in canals, branch canal, distributary, etc are carried out by the project authorities under the respective state governments. There are instances of shortage of water in some of the canals due to several reasons including relatively lesser availability of water, state of canal maintenance etc. The details about the status of flow in canals are maintained by project authorities. Government of India provides financial assistance under AIBP for Extension, Renovation & Modernization (ERM) and under Command Area Development & Water Management (CAD&WM) for command area development activities which help in equitable distribution of water through canal network.