

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DELAY IN IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of irrigation projects targeted to be completed during the XI Five Year Plan have been badly delayed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;
- (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the cost escalation due to the delay, State-wise and project-wise?

Answer

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

(a) As per the Working Group Report on Major, Medium Irrigation and Command Area Development for XII Plan formulation, out of the 287 Major/Medium projects reported as ongoing at the end of XI Plan, 163 Major/Medium projects may be considered delayed.

Apart from the above, total 755 Surface MI schemes under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) targeted to be completed during the XI Plan have been delayed. Regarding cost escalation due to delay, the total cost of MI schemes at the time of inclusion of MI schemes are eligible for funding under AIBP and the cost overrun if any, due to delay in completion of MI schemes will be borne by State governments themselves.

(b) to (d) The State-wise and Project-wise details of 163 Major/Medium irrigation projects are enclosed at Annexure-I. The State-wise details of Surface MI schemes delayed along with the reasons mentioned against each state is given in the Annexure-II.