

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:99
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2012
ACCELERATION OF PROJECTS UNDER AIBP
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to present erratic monsoon and huge deficit of rain across the country, the Government is considering to accelerate the projects which have been taken up under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has asked the State Governments to speed up these projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response from the State Governments thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.99 REGARDING 'ACCELERATION OF PROJECTS UNDER AIBP' DUE FOR REPLY ON 16.08.2012.

(a) & (b) Irrigation projects are planned, executed and maintained by State Governments depending on their priorities.

The Union Government provides Central assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to the State Governments as per guidelines for completion of ongoing projects within a span of four financial years. It is for the State Governments to accelerate completion as per priority assigned to the projects under implementation through AIBP funds in the event of erratic monsoon and huge deficit of rain across the State.

(c) & (d) Projects funded under AIBP are regularly monitored by CWC wherein progress of each component is reviewed for timely completion. Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) also conducts review meetings with State Government officials to impress upon the necessity of completion of the projects on time.