

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DELAYED IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a few irrigation projects have been delayed in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, project-wise including the Nerla Upsa project; and
- (c) the steps being taken to complete the projects without any further delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Out of 64 Major/Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects of Maharashtra included under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97, 36 projects have been completed and 28 projects are spilled over from XI Plan. Out of the above 28 ongoing projects, 18 projects are delayed. The reasons for non-completion/delay for the projects of Maharashtra are at Annexure-I. The delay is mainly due to Non Acquisition of Land required for construction of the project. The Nerla Upsa Project of Maharashtra is not approved by the Planning Commission.

(c) Irrigation being a state subject, the irrigation projects are planned, executed and maintained by State Governments from their own resources and as per their priorities. The Union Government provides Central Assistance (CA) under AIBP to the States as per guidelines for completion of ongoing projects.

The early completion of the projects will depend on the completion of acquisition of the lands required for the projects as given in Annexure-I.

Review meetings are held by Central Water Commission (CWC) /Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) with the State Governments to review the physical and financial progress of the projects funded under AIBP. The Monitoring of projects is also conducted by the field offices of CWC to assess the physical and financial progress of the projects and suggestions are given to the State Governments to expedite the completion of the projects. The inter-departmental matters such as construction of railway crossings, National Highway Authority of India (NHA) crossings etc are expedited by persuasion.