

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MAHARASHTRA WATER SECTOR IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any appraisal has been made regarding progress of the major, medium and minor projects being executed with the World Bank assistance/loan in Maharashtra in view of the fact that closing date for water sector improvement is March, 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for not conducting the mid-term appraisal of these projects; and

(d) the status of execution of water sector improvement projects/schemes being implemented along with expenditure incurred and progress made on these projects, project-wise, separately?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Mid-Term Review (MTR) is held at project midpoint. During the MTR, representatives of the Bank and the project counter parts re-assess whether the project's development objectives are being met and whether any changes need to be made to achieve them in light of new circumstances. The MTR for Maharashtra Water Sector Improvement Project was carried out in February, 2009.

Maharashtra Water Sector Improvement Project is also being monitored by Central Water Commission (CWC) through review of Quarterly Progress Report and field visits. CWC team visited the project from 17.02.2011 to 19.02.2011.

A World Bank Implementation Review and Support Mission visited Maharashtra from January 7-19, 2013 to review the implementation progress of the Maharashtra Water Sector Improvement Project.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Of the 235 irrigation schemes covered under the project for canal rehabilitation/modernization works, the works have been completed in 163 schemes and in the remaining 72 schemes these works are at various levels of implementation and are planned to be completed by February, 2014; (ii) of the 281 dams covered under the project for the dam safety works, works have been completed in 227 dams and in the remaining 54 dams these works are at various stages of implementation and are planned to be completed by February, 2014; (iii) activities under other project components are also progressing well and have either been completed or are nearing completion; and (iv) the disbursement under the project has reached about 80 percent. In view of the above, the implementation progress rating of the project is maintained as "Satisfactory".

The total expenditure on the project is Rs.1437 crore (Institutional Restructuring and Capacity Building :Rs.432.81 million; Improving Irrigation Service Delivery and Management :Rs.13731.93 million; Innovative Pilots :Rs.61.92 million and Project Management :Rs.143.66 million) upto December, 2012, which is 77.3 % of the total project cost.