

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AIBP IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being undertaken under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) in West Bengal during the last five years, year-wise and scheme-wise;
- (b) the quantum of funds sanctioned, released and utilised for each of the above projects during the above period;
- (c) whether some schemes are delayed;
- (d) if so, the reasons for the delay and the time by when these schemes would be completed; and
- (e) whether any special emphasis has been given by the Government during the 12th Five Year Plan for the State under AIBP, and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) During the last five years, no Major, Medium Irrigation (MMI) project of West Bengal has been included in Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). However, the details of Central Assistance (CA) released under AIBP to 4 numbers of ongoing MMI projects of West Bengal during the last five years, scheme-wise, year-wise and the expenditure incurred is at Annexure-I. During the last five years, 23 and 34 Surface Minor Irrigation schemes of West Bengal have been included under AIBP in 2007-08 and 2010-11 respectively. The scheme-wise, year-wise details and the funds utilized of the above Surface Minor Irrigation schemes is given at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The details of the delayed schemes and reasons for delay are given at Annexure-III. No Surface Minor Irrigation schemes of West Bengal are delayed.

(e) Simplification of the procedure for release of funds for the projects are among the suggested reforms in the proposals for XII Plan for the States including West Bengal.