

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:434

ANSWERED ON:25.04.2013

AUGMENTATION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain water resource projects have been undertaken in the country with the help of foreign aid;
- (b) if so, the details of such projects undertaken during the last three years, State- wise, including Jharkhand;
- (c) whether the said external assistance has been utilised fully;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the resultant increase in water resources across the country, State-wise including Jharkhand; and
- (e) the other steps being taken for augmentation of water resources in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF STARRED QUESTION No.434 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.04.2013 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING "AUGMENTATION OF WATER RESOURCES" RAISED BY SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH AND SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN

- (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) The details of water resource projects with external assistance undertaken during the last three years, the amount of external assistance and their utilization, State-wise are given at Annexure-I. No water resource project with external assistance has been taken up in the State of Jharkhand.

(d) Six water resource projects with external assistance undertaken during the last three years aims to strengthen institutional as well as water/irrigation service delivering reform initiatives; development of about 4,660 minor irrigation schemes throughout 18 districts of West Bengal that will bring irrigation in about 1.19 lakh hectare; rehabilitation of about 223 large dams in 4 States, viz. Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Kerala and Tamil Nadu; coastal protection and management in Ullal in Karnataka and Mirya Bay in Maharashtra; and improvement of the flood and river bank erosion risk management systems in flood prone areas in Assam. Out of six projects, three projects in the States of Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal will help in better management of water resources. The other three will help in dam rehabilitation, coastal protection and flood control. Since the projects have started recently, it will take some time to assess their impact.

(e) Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments with a view to encouraging sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes, namely " Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme" (AIBP), "Command Area Development and Water Management Programme" (CADWM), "Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies" (RRR).