

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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PROJECTS FOR STATES WITH LESS IRRIGATION FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to accord priority in providing financial assistance under the Centrally funded schemes for irrigation projects to the States like Madhya Pradesh which are having lower percentage of irrigation facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) The Union Government provides Central Assistance (CA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to the States as per guidelines for completion of ongoing projects. As per the latest amendments to AIBP guidelines made in December 2006, the condition that an ongoing project has to be completed before inclusion of a new project under AIBP has been relaxed for projects benefitting states with lower irrigation development as compared to national average. The proposals received from Government of Madhya Pradesh are processed as per the latest Guidelines of AIBP.