

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan for construction of minor/major and medium irrigation projects and repairing and renovation of water bodies as several States have come under the clutches of drought due to shortage of rainfall;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the policy of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the assistance given for completing the incomplete projects and starting new projects, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) The irrigation projects including minor/major and medium irrigation projects are undertaken by the respective State Governments as per their own priorities. With a view to encouraging the completion of ongoing projects and help States in creation of irrigation potential, Government of India provides financial assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). Under AIBP, the Central Assistance is provided to the States for completion of ongoing major/medium irrigation projects and also for Extension, Renovation & Modernization (ERM) of irrigation projects as per approved guidelines. AIBP Assistance in case of minor irrigation schemes, the Central Assistance is provided to Special Category States like States of North- Eastern Region, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand and also Undivided Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK) districts of Orissa, other tribal and drought prone areas. Besides, Central Assistance is provided to States under State Sector scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies.

(d) The State wise details of funds released for completion of on-going Major / Medium including Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) of irrigation projects and ongoing / new Minor Irrigation schemes upto March,2013 under AIBP are given in Annexure-I. State-wise details of funds released under the schemes of RRR of Water Bodies upto March,2013 are given in Annexure-II.