

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2074
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2013
SHAHNAGAR IRRIGATION PROJECT
Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the release of an assistance of Rs. 62.42 crore as Central Grant against the actual expenditure incurred by Himachal Pradesh between 1.4.2005 and 31.3.2008 for the Shahnagar major Irrigation Project is still pending with the Centre despite of the request sent by the State Government in this regard on 31 December, 2009;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) A request for releasing onetime special grant of Central Assistance (CA) of Rs.62.42 crore in respect of Shah Nahar Irrigation Project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) was received in Central Water Commission (CWC) and Planning Commission. It was decided by the Planning Commission to provide Additional Central Assistance (ACA) of Rs. 62.42 crore to Shah Nahar Irrigation Project under AIBP and accordingly this was reflected in the approved allocation of Annual Plan 2012-13 of Himachal Pradesh issued by the Planning Commission.

(c) & (d) Planning Commission conveyed to include this proposal in the scheme of AIBP for XII Plan. As the scheme of AIBP for the XII Plan is yet to be approved by the Union Cabinet, the said grant has not been released to Himachal Pradesh against the above project.