

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IRRIGATION PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of large and medium irrigation projects which are under construction in the country especially in backward and rural areas and their project and State/UT-wise estimated cost and irrigation capacity;
- (b) whether the stipulated cost of most of the projects have escalated and the time of completion has overrun;
- (c) if so, the details of the cost escalation and excess time taken for the completion of the projects and reasons therefor, project and State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken an intensive review of the implementation of the irrigation projects and have found out those projects where the unsatisfactory implementation has lead to cost escalation of such projects State/ UT-wise and if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for their early completion, project and State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) At the end of XI Plan, 326 Projects in the country comprising of 148 Major, 138 Medium & 40 Extension, Renovation & Modernisation (ERM) were ongoing as indicated in the Report of the Working Group on Major, Medium Irrigation & Command Area Development for XII Plan formulation. The details of these projects including original cost and the latest estimated cost, start year and the likely year of completion, reasons for delay and the ultimate irrigation potential is given at Annexure-I.

(d) Irrigation being a State Subject, the irrigation projects are planned, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their resources and priorities. However, the Union Government provides Central Assistance (CA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to the State Governments on their requests and as per the Guidelines of AIBP for completion of approved ongoing Major/Medium/Surface Minor Irrigation projects. State Governments are required to monitor at State level and project level. Review meetings are also held by Central Water Commission (CWC)/Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) with States to review the physical and financial progress of the projects funded under AIBP.