

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the State-wise names of the major and medium irrigation projects running in the country at present;
- (b) the project-wise estimated amount spent on these projects till date;
- (c) the irrigation capacity of each project;
- (d) the area irrigated from various irrigation projects;
- (e) the irrigation projects which are not performing efficaciously; and
- (f) the steps taken to make the project efficacious?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (d) At the end of XI Plan, 326 Projects in the country including 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 likely expenditure upto 2011-12, ultimate irrigation potential, likely potential creation upto 2011-12 is given at Annexure-I.

(e) & (f) 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. Also, State Governments are required to monitor the implementation of projects at State level and project level. The proper functioning of the projects after completion is to be looked after by the State Governments themselves. However, Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) is providing technical assistance for performance evaluation of projects selected by the State Government.