

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any new scheme to provide Central assistance to National Projects for harnessing irrigation and hydro power potential in various States, particularly in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the details of the projects identified for funding under the scheme, State and Projectwise;
- (c) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme, State and Projectwise;
- (d) whether the State Governments have submitted proposals of irrigation projects for inclusion in the scheme of National Projects;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, project and State-wise; and
- (f) the present status of each of the projects submitted by the States, Statewise?

Answer

THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (f) The scheme of National projects was introduced by Government of India in the year 2008. These projects envisage benefits for irrigation/hydro power/flood moderation. As per the Guidelines of National Projects, the projects are eligible for central assistance/grant of the balance project cost (cost of work) of irrigation and drinking water components of the project. Hydro-power component is not funded under the Scheme of National Projects.

Till now, 15 projects of various states including Punjab have been included in the scheme of the National Projects, as per details at Annexure-I.

(c) Out of 15 identified National Projects, four projects are under execution. Central Assistance released and the expenditure incurred including State share till March, 2013 on the projects under execution, after their inclusion in the scheme of National projects is given at Annexure-II. No expenditure has been incurred under the scheme of National Projects for remaining 11 projects.