

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2452
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DDP AND DPAP AREAS
Ramshankar Dr.

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government has agreed to give permission to the projects located in Desert Development Programme(DDP) areas on the lines of the projects of Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Tribal Areas Development (TAD) areas;
- (b) If not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether the Government of Rajasthan has sent proposals to the Union Government under the Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) scheme;
- (d) if so, the time by which the proposals are likely to be cleared by the Union Government; and
- (e) Whether the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the said proposals has been approved by the Union Government and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) Under the scheme of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), for the purpose of determining the quantum of assistance, a project benefiting Desert Development Programme (DDP) areas/ Desert Prone Areas (DPA) will now be treated at par with those benefiting Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) areas and the new projects will be eligible for Central Assistance @ 90% for projects in Special Category States, while it will be 75% for projects in Non-Special Category States. The ongoing projects already under AIBP and benefiting Desert Development Programme/Desert Prone Area will continue to get Central assistance @ 25%.

(c) to (e) Government of Rajasthan submitted proposals for 45 water bodies in July, 2012 for funding at an estimated cost of Rs.57.99 crores under the scheme Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies. The proposals were examined in Central Water Commission and comments sent to the State Government for compliance on 22.11.2012. Time taken in release of funds depends upon time taken by the project authorities in furnishing compliance to the said observations.