

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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AIBP IN CAUVERY BASIN  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the irrigation projects taken up under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in Karnataka;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that none of the projects under AIBP was taken up in the region where river Cauvery flows even though this region faces frequent droughts;and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) The details of the Major/Medium Irrigation Projects taken up under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in Karnataka State are annexed.

(b) & (c) Irrigation being a State subject the irrigation projects are planned executed and maintained by State Governments depending on their priorities. On the request of Government of Karnataka, 16 Major/Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects were included under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). Out of the above, 5 MMI Projects have been completed and 11 MMI Projects are ongoing. The Votahole Irrigation Project of Karnataka in Cauvery Basin included under AIBP has been completed. Presently there is no ongoing MMI project under AIBP in Cauvery Basin in the State of Karnataka.

Apart from the above, 621 Surface Minor Irrigation (MI) Schemes of Karnataka has been taken up under AIBP. State Government has reported that out of 621 MI Schemes, 361 MI Schemes have been completed. Four MI Projects have been taken up under AIBP in Mysore district through which river Cauvery flows, out of which works on 3 MI Schemes has been completed and on one MI Scheme work has not yet been started.

As per Guidelines of AIBP, priorities are also given to those projects which are benefiting Tribal and Drought Prone Area.