

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS TO HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the approval and release of funds for 44 minor irrigation schemes under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) 2012-13 and Sidhata medium irrigation project in Himachal Pradesh are lying pending;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time since when the release of funds is pending along with the details of the dates on which the Union Government has been requested by the State Government to release funds required for these schemes;
- (c) the present status of these projects; and
- (d) the time by which the funds are likely to be released to State Government for the said projects and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A proposal of 44 new Minor Irrigation Schemes of Himachal Pradesh was received in October, 2013 for funding under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). The comments of MoWR were conveyed to State Government and revised proposal was submitted for 39 MI schemes on 10.1.2014 for funding under AIBP by State Government.

For Sidhata Medium Irrigation Project an expenditure of Rs.95.3173 crore has been incurred against latest estimate cost of Rs.95.29 crore upto December 2013. Govt. of Himachal Pradesh State has intimated to Central Water Commission, that 'no' Central assistance under AIBP is required for the Sidhata Medium Irrigation Project during 2013-14 and the project is scheduled to be completed by February 2014.