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Simplification of Procedure Meant for Sanctioning of Projects

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to simplify the process of according sanction to major multi-purpose projects to curb time taken in sanctioning of the projects and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether priority is likely to be given to provide financial assistance for irrigation projects of low irrigated States like Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) The approval process has been rationalized in accordance with the issues raised by the State Governments. It has also been computerized to ensure timely approvals. The process could also be facilitated by the States by submission of complete proposals in accordance with the revised "Guidelines for Submission, Appraisal and clearance of Irrigation and Multi-purpose Projects - 2010", which have been circulated to the States. They have also been hosted on the website of the Ministry, for guidance of the States for preparation of proper proposals for central funding. Similarly, clarification on the observations of this Ministry, on the state proposals also need to be submitted by the states in a time-bound manner.

(b) Revised Guidelines for Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) stipulate that an ongoing major/medium project can be included in AIBP on completion of an ongoing project under AIBP on one to one basis. However, one to one criteria has been relaxed for inclusion of:

- (i) Projects benefiting drought prone/tribal areas.
- (ii) Projects in the States having irrigation development below national average.
- (iii) Projects in the districts under Prime Minister's package for agrarian distress.
