

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIBP IN ASSAM
Biswas Shri Radheshyam

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

- (a) the details with regard to status of work of minor, major and medium irrigation projects undertaken in Assam during the last three years and the time by which the work of the projects under construction is likely to be completed;
- (b) whether the progress of work under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) in Assam is not satisfactory; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE).(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) No new Major and Medium Irrigation Projects have been undertaken under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in Assam during the last three years. During 2012-13 and 2013-14, a total of 269 and 254 surface minor irrigation (SMI) schemes respectively have been included under AIBP. No SMI scheme has been included during 2011-12.

(b)&(c) SMI schemes are to be completed in three years after approval. The progress of works under AIBP in Assam is getting delayed due to a number of reasons such as insufficient matching state share, law and order problems, land acquisition, remoteness and lack of connectivity for transportation of construction materials and limited working season for some of the projects, which fall in high precipitation zone.