

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

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IRRIGATION SCHEMES IN NAXAL AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tribal farmers of naxal infested areas and tribal backward Gadchiroli district are not able to carry on the agricultural activities as a result of closure of Karawafa, Chenna, Tultuli, Darpangudra and Upsa irrigation schemes;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any measures to provide irrigation facility for agriculture particularly to Gadchiroli tribals of Maharashtra and poor farmers in naxal infested areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) As informed by the Government of Maharashtra, the Karawafa, Chenna, Tultuli, Darpangudra and Upsa irrigation schemes could not proceed for want of clearance under Forest Conservation Act, 1980. MoEF has already rejected the clearance for Tultuli and Karawafha projects.

(b) & (c) As informed by the Government of Maharashtra, works of 4 medium projects viz. Dongargaon-Thaneagaon Lift Irrigation Scheme (LIS), Kotgal LIS, Haldipurani LIS and Chichdoh Barrage and 4 minor projects viz. Yengalkheda M.I. Tank, Kosari Minor Irrigation (M.I.) Tank, Gogaon LIS and Regadi Vikaspalli LIS have been taken up and Irrigation Potential (I.P.) of 1225 ha. has been created till June 2013.

About 76% area of the Gadchiroli district is covered by forest. The cultivable area is distributed in small isolated patches surrounded by forest. Considering the peculiar condition in Gadchiroli district, the Government of Maharashtra has planned a chain of barrages in Wainganga River and provide irrigation facilities to cultivable lands through five barrages and small Lift Irrigation Schemes covering total irrigation potential of 54,389 Ha. (25709 ha. in Gadchiroli district and 28680 ha. in Chandrapur district).