

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5151  
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2014  
AIBP IN TWELFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN  
Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

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

to part (c) and (d) of thereply given to Unstarred Question No. 2074 on 22nd August, 2013 and state:

- (a) whether the Union Cabinet has approved the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) scheme for the Twelfth Plan period;
- (b) if so, whether the grants under the said scheme meant for Himachal Pradesh have been released; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the date by which the said funds are likely to be released?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b)&(c) Four Major & Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects were included under AIBP for the State of H.P. Out of this, a sum of Rs.62.42 crores has been released as ACA for the Shahnehar Major Irrigation project. During 2013-14 the proposal for release of Central Assistance of Rs.49.50 crore in respect of Phina Singh Medium Irrigation Project, was received from State Government, it was returned with certain observations for resubmission according to the modified AIBP guidelines.

Two other projects namely Sidhatha&Balhvally (Left Bank) are nearing completion. Proposal for Central assistance for these projects has however, not been received during 2012-13 and 2013-14.

In addition, a new shelf of 39 Minor Irrigation (MI) schemes submitted by the Government of Himachal Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs.73.74 crore with a Culturable Command Area (CCA) of 4110.11 ha has been approved by the MoWR during 2013-14 and the eligible sum of Rs.5.40 crore was released to Government of Himachal Pradesh under AIBP for this.