

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1773**  
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018

**ONGOING IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA**

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

- (a) the number of ongoing Centrally sponsored irrigation projects in Maharashtra;
- (b) the progress made so far in these projects and the number of farmers benefited therefrom; and
- (c) the details of irrigation projects meant for agriculture which are going on in drought affected areas like Vidarbha in Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c) During 2016-17, 26 ongoing Major/Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects of Maharashtra under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) - Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) having ultimate irrigation potential of 8.50 lakh hectare and balance estimated cost of about Rs.16603 crore have been prioritized in consultation with the State Govt. for completion in phases up to December, 2019 along with their Command Area Development & Water Management (CADWM) works. Out of these, 14 projects benefit the drought prone areas. Further, 8 projects having ultimate potential of 4.82 lakh hectare are benefiting the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

Out of above mentioned 26 projects, AIBP works of 5 projects are completed/almost completed, 19 projects are targeted to be completed by Dec 2019 and balance 2 projects are targeted for completion by Dec., 2021 as reported by the project authorities.

In addition to above, special package for completion of 8 MMI & 83 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) projects benefiting drought prone areas of Maharashtra having estimated balance cost of Rs.13651.61 crore as on 01.04.2018 has been approved during current year. Central Assistance component amounts to Rs.3831.41 crore. These projects are planned to be completed in phases by 2022-23. Out of these, 3 MMI projects and 66 SMI projects having balance estimated cost of Rs.4700.2 crore and Rs.3106.85 crore respectively and ultimate potential of 1.15 lakh hectare and 0.64 lakh hectare respectively are benefiting Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

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