

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1471
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have allocated funds for the development of various existing major development projects executed in West Bengal and Bihar during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and disbursed for various centrally assisted schemes to these states during the said period;
- (c) whether the money allocated for various schemes and projects in both the States have been utilized fully; and
- (d) if not, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The details of outlays and expenditure for plan programmes for West Bengal and Bihar during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)
Year West Bengal Bihar

Approved
Outlay Expenditure Approved Outlay Expenditure

2000-01	5659	5631	3100	1638
2001-02	7186	4595	2644	1471
2002-03	6307	3644	2964	2227

(c) & (d) : The details of disbursement and utilisation of individual centrally sponsored schemes, central sector schemes and projects are available in the central Ministries/Departments administering them. Some of the reasons for poor utilisation of funds are:

- (i) Delay in submission of utilisation certificates,
- (ii) Delay in release of funds,
- (iii) Inability of the State Governments to provide their matching State share,
- (iv) Delay in obtaining statutory clearances for projects,
- (v) Implementational problems such as:- delay in land acquisition, rehabilitation issues and contractual disputes etc.