

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCING OF IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had raised money by way of public bonds for financing the five major irrigation projects Tapti, Godavari, Vidarbha, Konkan and MKVDC;
- (b) if so, when was the amount raised and the progress achieved in the implementation of these projects so far indicating the amount so far spent on each project against the allocations made; and
- (c) the target fixed for completion of projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BHOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are planned, investigated, implemented and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities. The Central Government has been providing Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme since 1996-97 for the States to complete such ongoing major/medium irrigation projects which have been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission. The State of Maharashtra has been provided an amount of Rs. 438.99 crore for 21 projects upto 2002-2003 under this programme. The Ministry of Water Resources has not been informed of raising money by way of public bonds for financing the five major irrigation projects Tapti, Godavari, Vidarbha, Konkan and MKVDC by the Government of Maharashtra.