

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:28
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SPECIAL STATUS TO RAJASTHAN UNDER AIBP
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for according Special Status to Rajasthan under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme;
- (b) if so, the present status of the proposal; and
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be given clearance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Chief Minister of Rajasthan requested the Central Government in April, 2000 to include Rajasthan in Special Category States under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). As the State of Rajasthan has already developed about 82 percent of irrigation potential, the request of the Chief Minister of Rajasthan was not found appropriate to treat Rajasthan at par with Special Category States for AIBP funding.