

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is actively considering a proposal for irrigation projects including minor irrigation projects particularly for water scarcity districts in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the total expenditure involved therein and the time frame fixed for their completion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) Irrigation being a state subject the irrigation projects are planned, formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities. There is no proposal with the Central Government under consideration for irrigation projects particularly for water scarcity districts in various States. However, Central Government is providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to such on-going approved major/ medium irrigation projects which are in advanced stage of completion and Surface minor irrigation schemes in Special Category States and KBK districts of Orissa. An amount of Rs.14,670 crore has been released as CLA under AIBP to various States till March, 2004.