

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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PENDING IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF JHARKHAND

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of irrigation projects are lying incomplete in Jharkhand in absence of requisite financial assistance;
- (b) if so, the details of such pending irrigation projects alongwith cost escalation;
- (c) whether any special financial assistance is being provided to State Government to complete these projects on priority basis;
- (d) if so, the amount out of this utilized by the State Government during 1996-97 and the progress achieved in regard to additional irrigation facilities generated thereby; and
- (e) the details of assistance provided to the State Government during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

- (a) & (b) 5 major and 19 medium irrigation projects, which have spilled over from IX Plan to X Plan, are under execution in the State of Jharkhand. The physical and financial details of these projects are given at statement-I.
- (c) & (d) Irrigation being a State subject, the projects are planned, funded and executed by the State Government as per their own requirements and priority of works. However, Central Government launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during 1996 - 97 with a view to provide Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to Major, Medium and ERM irrigation projects of the country so as to complete them expeditiously. Details of CLA released and potential created through ongoing irrigation projects of Jharkhand State under AIBP are given at statement-II.
- (e) The proposals from the State Government in this regard have not been received in the Ministry during current year.