

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO RAJASTHAN FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has requested the Union Government to sanction an additional amount of Rs. 2000 crores to complete its irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto and the time by which the amount is likely to be given to the State Government?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No proposal from the Government of Rajasthan has been received in the Ministry of Water Resources to sanction an additional amount of Rs.2000 crore to complete its irrigation projects. However, proposals amounting to Rs. 321.026 crore for providing central assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for ongoing irrigation projects have been received against the ceiling of Rs. 400 crore fixed for the year 2005-06 and Rs. 33.2475 crore has already been released as first instalment of grant.