

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2798  
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PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN IRRIGATION SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enhance public investment in irrigation sector;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the names of projects in which the Government has decided public investments in various States; and
- (d) the response received by the State Governments so far in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) & (b) The National Common Minimum Programme stipulates significant enhancement in public investment in irrigation. The allocation under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) has been enhanced from Rs. 2800 crore in the year 2004-05 to Rs.4500 crore during the current financial year.

(c) & (d) The projects for seeking assistance under AIBP are identified by the State Governments and posed for support. State-wise list of projects which have been provided Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under AIBP during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 is annexed.