

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2401
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DHANSRI AND CHAMPAMATI IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF ASSAM
Bwiswmuthiary Shri Sansuma Khunggur

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to complete Dhansri Irrigation Project and Champamati Irrigation Project in Assam by way of converting these projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme into 100 per cent Centrally Funded Scheme; and
- (b) if so, the details of action taken so far in this regard alongwith assistance provided to the State Government?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Irrigation is a State subject and the planning, execution, funding, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments based on their priorities. The Central Government launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to provide Central Loan Assistance (CLA) for such approved irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of construction and beyond the resources capability of the States that can be completed in the next four financial years as per the guidelines of the programme. Rs. 31.69 crore and Rs. 13.733 crore have been released as Central Loan Assistance upto 2003-04 to the State Government of Assam for Dhansri Irrigation Project and Champamati Irrigation Project respectively.