

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of major and medium irrigation projects being taken up through externally funding agencies like Japan Bank for International Cooperation, World Bank and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), State- wise;
- (b) the quantum of additional irrigation potential created during 2005-06 from such external assistance; and
- (c) the steps taken for timely completion of projects?

**Answer**

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

(a) Four projects namely Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project, Madhya Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Project, Uttar Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Project and Maharashtra Water Services Improvement Project are presently being implemented with World Bank assistance. Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) is also providing assistance in respect of Rajghat Canal Major Irrigation Project in Madhya Pradesh, Rengali Irrigation Project in Orissa and Modernisation of Kurnool-Cuddaph Canal project in Andhra Pradesh. The details of these projects are at Annexure-I. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has provided assistance to various States under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund-XI (RIDF-XI) in respect of 17 major and 9 medium irrigation projects during 2005-06. State-wise details are given in Annexure-II.

(b) Most of the externally aided projects are for rehabilitation / restoration and modernization etc. and help in better service delivery, improvement of efficiency, institutional restructuring and increasing productivity. However, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that under Rajghat Canal Major Irrigation project, additional irrigation potential of

21450 hectare has been created during 2005-06. Similarly, as per the information furnished by the Government of Orissa, under the Rengali Irrigation Project the additional irrigation potential of 280 hectare has been created during 2005-06.

(c) Most of the externally aided projects are implemented as per the agreed time schedule. For this purpose, such projects are monitored as per prescribed time frame and procedure by the funding agencies, implementing agencies / State Governments and Central Government Departments.