

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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PENCH PROJECT IN MADHYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pench Project is proposed to be taken up in Madhya Pradesh under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and by when the project is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Probably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to Pench Diversion Project of Madhya Pradesh which is an unapproved on going irrigation project. As per the norms for Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), only such on-going major/medium irrigation projects are eligible for Central Loan Assistance under this programme which have investment clearance from the Planning Commission and in an advanced stage of completion. As the Pench Diversion Project does not have investment clearance from the Planning Commission, it is not eligible for AIBP funding.