

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PENDING SCHEMES OF WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various schemes pertaining to West Bengal pending with the Union Government for necessary clearance as on date;
- (b) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the time by which decision on these schemes are likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

- (a): No scheme pertaining to West Bengal is pending with the Planning Commission for approval. However, in the Environment and Forests Sector, the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) has recently forwarded a proposal relating to Pollution Abatement works on River Mahananda in Siliguri town of West Bengal. The cost of project including land cost is Rs.38.05 crore of which 70% is proposed to be borne by GOI and balance by the State Government.
- (b): The project is under consideration for `in principle` clearance in the Planning Commission. Certain clarifications on the proposal are being sought from the MOEF.
- (c): A decision for clearance of the project will be taken after clarifications from the Administrative Ministry are received.