

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †6361
ANSWERED ON 05.04.2018

FUNDS FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Tembhu lift and Takari Mahisal irrigation projects had been administratively sanctioned long back for drought affected districts of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Rs.112 crore and Rs.90 crore package respectively for the above-mentioned projects were sanctioned during 2014 and if so, the manner in which these funds were utilized along with the quantum of amount spent therefrom so far;
- (c) whether the Government has sought progress report in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has agreed during 2017 to release Rs.2500 crore to Maharashtra for certain irrigation projects and if so, the details thereof along with the names of projects;
- (e) the manner in which the projects would be completed and the district-wise allocation made; and
- (f) whether any guidelines have been issued to the State in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c) Water Resources Projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement their efforts, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) etc. under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

During 2016-17, ninety-nine (99) on-going Major/Medium irrigation projects (Including 26 irrigation projects of Maharashtra) under PMKSY- AIBP, having ultimate irrigation potential of 76.03 lakh ha. and estimated balance cost of Rs.77595 cr. have been prioritized in consultation with States, for completion in phases up to December, 2019 along with their Command Area Development & Water Management (CADWM) works. Funding mechanism through NABARD has been approved by the Government for both Central and State share.

Takari Mahisal irrigation project is a part of Krishna Koyna Lift irrigation project (one of the 99 prioritized projects) and total Central Assistance (CA) of Rs. 531.834 cr. (including 29.27cr. in 2017-18) has been released for Krishna Koyna Lift irrigation project, so far under AIBP. The project is monitored regularly. As reported, out of ultimate irrigation potential of 104.17 th. ha., irrigation potential of 49.93 th. ha. has been created through this project.

Tembhu Lift irrigation project is not under AIBP and is being executed by State Government from their own resources.

(d) to (f) The Government of Maharashtra submitted a proposal for providing special package for drought mitigation and addressing agrarian distress in 14 districts of Vidharbha and Marathwada and for projects in chronically drought prone areas of rest of Maharashtra. The State has been requested to submit an updated proposal with balance cost as on 01.04.2018. The approval of proposal is dependent upon firmed up cost, approval by Technical Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR wherever required, availability of budget etc.
