

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
 RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †992
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CANAL IRRIGATION FACILITIES

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

- (a) the number of irrigation projects sanctioned in the country especially Maharashtra during the last three years along with their present status;
- (b) the number of functional canals in the country especially Maharashtra and the number of non-functional/dried up canals which are causing difficulty to the farmers in irrigating their land; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the canal irrigation facilities in the country especially Maharashtra?

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 including their canal system are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement the efforts Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) provides financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) etc. under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

During 2016-17, Ninety Nine (99) ongoing Major/Medium Irrigation Projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme(AIBP) (Including 26 projects of Maharashtra)having potential of 76.03 lakh ha. (8.51 lakh ha. in Maharashtra), have been identified in consultation with States, for completion in phases by Dec., 2019 along with their Command Area Development & Water Management (CADWM) works. For completion of these projects in a mission mode, funding mechanism through NABARD has been approved by the Government for both Central and State share. Details of Central Assistance (CA) released/sanctioned and State share provided during 2016-17 & 2017-18 (so far) are as under:

(Rs. In cr.)

Scheme		Maharashtra		Country as a whole	
		2016-17	2017-18(so far)	2016-17	2017-18(so far)
Central Assistance	AIBP	379.88	133.67	3307.95	1424.51
	CAD	15.17	17.59	853.97	533.56
State Share through NABARD	AIBP	1723.58	1383.39	3324.51	3318.85
	CAD	-	-	10.47	-

As reported by concerned State Governments, AIBP works of 18 projects (including 4 projects of Maharashtra) have been completed/almost completed.

Further, CA of Rs. 2514 cr. has been released for Polavaram Project during 2016-17 and Rs. 979.36 cr. during 2017-18. CA of another Rs. 1020.64 cr. has been sanctioned for this project during 2017-18.
