

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 994
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018

MAINTENANCE OF OLD CANALS

994. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH

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

- (a) whether a large quantity of water is getting wasted due to lack of maintenance of old canals in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is taking any steps to take up maintenance and repair of these canals and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to renovate/clean up these canals in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard including the funds allocated/utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year especially in Ludhiana region of Punjab?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (d) Water Resources Project are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation 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) under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichayee Yojana (PMKSY).

During 2016-17, ninety nine (99) ongoing Major/Medium irrigation projects under AIBP, having potential of 76.03 lakh ha. have been identified 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 shares.

Out of these 99 projects, 10 projects have been categorized as extension, renovation and modernization (ERM) (including Rehabilitation of Ist Patiala Feeder & Kotla Branch project benefitting Ludhiana region of Punjab). Central Assistance (CA) of Rs. 90.93 cr. and Rs. 217.96 cr. has been released for these 10 ERM projects during 2016-17 and 2017-18 (so far) respectively. Out of this, Rs. 6.66 cr. were released for Rehabilitation of Ist Patiala Feeder & Kotla Branch project during 2016-17. CA proposal for this project has not been received during 2017-18.
