

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. †\*323**  
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018

**INCOMPLETE IRRIGATION PROJECTS**

†\*323. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE

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

- (a) the number of incomplete irrigation projects which were started a decade ago, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for not completing the said projects so far;
- (c) the current stage/status of these projects; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for early completion of these projects to avoid time and cost overruns?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION , ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS AND SHIPPING

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTs (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. †\*323 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2018 REGARDING “INCOMPLETE IRRIGATION PROJECTS” ASKED BY SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE, HON’BLE MP.**

(a) to (c) Water Resources Projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority.

Normal gestation period of a major irrigation project is about 15-20 years and that of a medium irrigation project is about 5-10 years. Delay in completion of irrigation projects occurs due to various reasons such as paucity of funds, interstate issues, delay in land acquisition, delay in environment and forest clearance process, change in design, rehabilitation and resettlement issues, contractual litigations, local disputes etc.

As per the Report of the “Working Group on Major & Medium Irrigation and Command Area Development for the XII Five Year Plan”, 326 projects were indicated as ongoing at the end of XI<sup>th</sup> Plan out of which 250 projects were started before 2008. State-wise details of 250 projects are at **Annexure**.

(d) In order to supplement the efforts of the States, 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).

Out of above mentioned 250 projects, 104 projects were included under AIBP for Central assistance. Out of these 104 projects, 23 projects have been reported to be completed, 19 projects have been reported by the States to be almost complete/closed/taken out of purview of AIBP, etc., one project namely Polavaram Project has been declared as National Project as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act and balance 61 projects have been prioritized during 2016-17 under PMKSY-AIBP for completion in phases by December, 2019 along with other 38 projects, in consultation with States.

The ninety-nine (99) projects prioritized during 2016-17 have ultimate irrigation potential of 76.03 lakh ha. and balance estimated cost of Rs.77595 cr. Funding mechanism through NABARD has been approved by the Government for both Central and State share. States have reported that AIBP works of 31 prioritized projects have been completed/almost completed and rest of projects are planned to be completed in phases by Dec., 2019.

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Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Starred Question No. †\* 323 to be answered in Lok Sabha on 09.08.2018 regarding “Incomplete Irrigation Projects”

State-wise details of 250 projects ( Ongoing at the end of 11<sup>th</sup> 5 year plan, started before 2008)

Sr. No	State	No. of Projects	Taken under AIBP	Completed Projects under AIBP	Reported Almost complete/closed/taken out of purview of AIBP	Prioritized under PMKSY-AIBP for completion by Dec., 2019
1	Andhra Pradesh	36	11	1	-	9
2	Assam	3	3	-	-	3
3	Bihar	7	3	-	1	2
4	Chhattisgarh	6	3	-	1	2
5	Goa	1	1	-	-	1
6	Gujarat	8	3	2	-	1
7	Haryana	2	-	-	-	-
8	Jharkhand	7	1	-	-	1
9	Karnataka	20	5	-	3	2
10	Kerala	4	2	-	-	2
11	Madhya Pradesh	19	10	1	2	7
12	Maharashtra	108	41	19	3	19
13	Manipur	2	2	-	1	1
14	Odisha	17	10	-	3	7
15	Punjab	3	3	-	1	2
16	Uttar Pradesh	5	4	-	2	2
17	West Bengal	2	2	-	2	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>250</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>61*</b>

Note \* In addition, Polavaram project declared as National project as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act.

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