

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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IRRIGATION FACILITIES TO FARMERS

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that tribal farmers of naxal affected and backward Gadchiroli region in Maharashtra are unable to grow agricultural crops due to closure of Karwapha, Chenna, Tultuli, Darpangudra and Upsa water irrigation schemes; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken for providing irrigation facilities to the poor farmers of the country especially those of the said region?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) 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.

In respect of Gadchiroli region in Maharashtra, as informed by the Government of Maharashtra, 85% area of Gadchiroli district is under forest. The conventional water resources projects like Karwapha, Chenna, Tultuli, Darpangudra could not be taken up due to non-availability of Forest Clearance. However, lift (Upsa) irrigation is envisaged by the State Government in Gadchiroli district.
