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PENDING PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) the details of pending irrigation projects in the country especially in Maharashtra including Padalsare region of Jalgaon, Varkhede Londe, Girna river and the construction of rubbaardam over Girna river;
- (b) the number of years since when these projects are under construction and the expenditure incurred thereon till date along with the time by which these are likely to be completed particularly in Maharashtra; and
- (c) the reasons for delay in such projects and the action plan to expedite their completion particularly the aforesaid four projects in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c) The 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, 99 ongoing Major/Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects (and 7 phases) under PMKSY-AIBP (including 26 projects in Maharashtra) having ultimate potential of 76.03 lakh hectare and estimated cost of Rs. 77595 crore have been identified for completion in phases up to December, 2019 along with their Command Area Development & Water Management (CADWM) works. Out of these 99 projects (and 7 phases), 95 projects (and 5 phases) spilled over from eleventh (XI) plan whereas 4 projects (and 2 phases) were included under AIBP during twelfth (XII) plan.

AIBP works of 31 prioritized projects (including 2 phases) are completed/almost completed. Out of these, 5 projects are from Maharashtra. Further, 62 projects (including 4 phases) are now targeted to be completed by Dec, 2019, out of which 19 are from Maharashtra. The rest of the projects are now targeted for completion in phases by Dec, 2021. An expenditure of Rs.21872.5 crore has been reported to be incurred by the States for all the prioritized projects during 2016-17 & 2017-18.

In addition to above, special package for completion of 8 MMI & 83 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) projects of Maharashtra having estimated balance cost of Rs.13651.61 crore as on 01.04.2018 has been approved during current year. Central Assistance component amounts to Rs.3831.41 crore. These projects are planned to be completed in phases by 2022-23. Varkhede Londe project has been included in the said package and is planned to be completed by 2020-21.

Lower Tapi project (Padalsare) has been approved by the Advisory Committee of MoWR,RD&GR in August, 2018 for an estimated cost of Rs.2751 crore. Further, DPR of 7 pneumatically operated weirs on Girna river was examined in CWC and certain observations were sent to Project Authorities during Sep, 2018. They have not submitted compliance on the same.

The delay in completion of irrigation projects occurs due to various reasons such as paucity of funds, inter-state issues, delay in land acquisition and environment & forest clearance, re-habilitation & re-settlement issues, contractual & local disputes etc. To expedite these projects, funding arrangement has been made through NABARD for both central and State share. Further, an online MIS has been developed for updating the progress and the projects are reviewed at various levels regularly to resolve the pending issues.
