

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1017
ANSWERED ON 27.06.2019

IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of irrigation projects being run by the Union Government in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of the amount demanded by the Government of Tamil Nadu and the amount allocated and released therefor by the Union Government during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether any irrigation projects/ proposals from the State of Tamil Nadu are pending with the Union Government as on date; and
- (d) if so, the time by which decision is likely to be taken on these proposals?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (d) Water Resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, 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), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies etc. under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

At present, there is no ongoing project of Tamil Nadu under PMKSY-AIBP. The Govt. of Tamil Nadu has requested for funding a scheme "Formation of Flood Carrier Canal from Kannadian Channel to drought prone area of Sathankulam, Thisayanvilai by interlinking Tamirabarani, Karumeniyar and Nambiyar rivers in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts of Tamil Nadu" under PMKSY-AIBP. However, the Investment Clearance for the same was valid up to 18.4.2019. State has now requested for extension of the same. Central Water Commission has sought certain information in this regard from the State Government. The State Government has not sent the requisite information.

In respect of RRR of Water Bodies scheme, Central Assistance (CA) is released from time to time as per guidelines of the scheme and availability of budget on receipt of eligible proposals. CA of Rs.7.0279 crore was released in respect of cluster of 49 water bodies in the State of Tamil Nadu during 2018-19 as per eligibility.
