

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 539

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IRRIGATION FACILITIES TO FARMERS OF MADHYA PRADESH AND MAHARASHTRA

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an urgent need for improvement in irrigation facilities to increase agricultural production and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any proposal for improvement and upgradation in canal system in order to provide adequate water for irrigation to the farmers of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken regarding the approval to the said proposal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) Water being a State subject, it is for the State Government concerned to plan, execute, operate and manage the irrigation projects, and to prepare action plan to make irrigation system more extensive in the State. Role of Government of India is limited to providing technical support, and partial financial assistance for identified projects under the ongoing schemes. Further, for major and medium irrigation projects on inter-State river systems, techno-economic viability is to be appraised by Central Water Commission (CWC) under this Ministry.

Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna (PMKSY) is dedicated to creation, restoration and stabilization of irrigation potential in the country through completion of major/ medium irrigation projects/ extension, renovation and modernization of irrigation projects.

28 major and medium projects of Maharashtra and 21 major and medium projects (14 projects and 7 phases) of Madhya Pradesh have been included under PMKSY-AIBP. 17 projects each of both the States have been completed so far. An irrigation potential of 3.86 lakh hectare in Maharashtra and 1.83 lakh hectare in Madhya Pradesh has been created through these projects.

Also, 1.77 lakh hectare irrigation potential has been created in Maharashtra under Maharashtra Package scheme of this Department.

Further, Extension, Renovation and Modernization of Sanjay Sarovar Project (Upper Wainganga Project), envisaging lining of the complete canal system of the project and repair of the damaged canal structures, benefitting Seoni and Balaghat districts of Madhya Pradesh, has been accepted by the Advisory Committee of DoWR, RD &GR on Irrigation, Flood Control & Multipurpose Projects in its 152nd meeting at an estimated cost of Rs 332.54 crore at March 2023 price level. Subsequently, investment clearance to the project has also been accorded by Investment Clearance Committee in its 20th meeting. Screening Committee of PMKSY-AIBP in its meeting held on 30th July, 2024 has recommended the project for prescribed appraisal and approval process for inclusion under PMKSY-AIBP.
