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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 934

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PENDING PROJECTS IN WARDHA LOK SABHA CONSTITUENCY

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

- (a) the present status of pending irrigation projects including Dimbhe Dam Canal Project in Wardha Lok Sabha Constituency and the progress made under its various stages;
- (b) the details of the funds released, allocated and utilised for the purpose during the last five years;
- (c) the timeframe for completion of these projects along with the measures being taken to remove administrative and technical delays, if any; and
- (d) the details of long-term plans to address the problem of perennial water scarcity in the said Constituency and drought-prone areas of Maharashtra along with the steps taken to promote micro-irrigation and water conservation techniques?

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. Role of Government of India is to provide technical support, and partial financial assistance for identified projects under the ongoing schemes.

Two (02) major and medium irrigation projects, namely the Lower Wardha Project and the Lower Pedhi Project, benefiting the Amravati and Wardha districts of the Wardha Lok Sabha Constituency have been included under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme of this Ministry for financial assistance. Central assistance of Rs. 46.16 crore has been provided to these two projects during the last five years, i.e. during 2020–21 to 2024–25, which have been fully utilized. The Lower Wardha Project has been completed.

Eighteen (18) surface minor irrigation projects benefiting Amravati district and one (01) surface irrigation project benefiting Wardha district of the Wardha Lok Sabha Constituency have been included under Special Package to Maharashtra. Central assistance of Rs. 142.34 crore has been reimbursed to these projects during the last five years, i.e. during 2020–21 to 2024–25. Seventeen (17) of these projects have been reported as complete.

Dimbhe Dam Canal Project is a part of the Kukadi Irrigation Project in Maharashtra benefitting Shirur constituency of Maharashtra.

To ensure timely completion of projects, projects are physically monitored by regional offices of Central Water Commission twice a year. Projects are reviewed at regular intervals by Hon'ble Minister, Jal Shakti and Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR, wherein issues are identified and necessary action are taken for their early resolution. Issues and bottlenecks under the projects are also flagged over Project Monitoring Group (PMG) portal and resolved in PMG meetings under Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat.

(d) To address the issue of development of irrigation in drought prone areas in the country, special provisions have been made in the criteria for selection of projects and central funding ratio under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme of PMKSY. If a project has more than 50% command in drought prone area, 50% advance stage criteria has been relaxed and the project can be included since beginning of the construction with enhanced funding ratio of 60 (Centre): 40 (State), in the proportion of command area falling in drought prone area.

Further, Government of India has approved, in 2018, a Special Package for Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra to complete 83 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) projects and 8 Major/Medium Irrigation Projects in drought prone districts in Vidarbha and Marathwada and rest of Maharashtra.

In addition, Per Drop More Crop scheme being implemented by Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare is dedicated for micro irrigation development in country.

Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) under this Ministry has completed the National Aquifer Mapping (NAQUIM) Project in the entire mappable area of about 25 Lakh sq. km. The Aquifer maps and management plans have been prepared and shared with the respective State agencies for implementation. The management plans include various water conservation measures through demand side and supply side interventions.

Further, "Jal Shakti Abhiyan", "Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari" are initiatives launched by this Ministry with Jan Bhagidari in water conservation for united action from all stakeholders, including government bodies, industries, local authorities, philanthropists, resident welfare associations (RWAs) and individuals.
