

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 867

ANSWERED ON 23.07.2026

**CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO KARNATAKA FOR MAJOR IRRIGATION AND FLOOD
MANAGEMENT PROJECTS**

867. Shri E TUKARAM:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Government of Karnataka seeking Central Assistance under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana– Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY–AIBP), the Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) and other Central schemes for major irrigation and flood management projects with a total estimated cost of about Rupees 11,122.76 crore and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the present status of these proposals including technical appraisal, examination by the Central Water Commission and grant of in-principle approval, if any, project-wise;
- (c) the reasons for the delay in approval of the proposals that are still pending with the Union Government; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government to expedite their approval along with the likely timeline for sanction of Central Assistance?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (d) Water, being State subject, water resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. Role of Government of India is to provide technical support, and partial financial assistance for identified projects under ongoing schemes.

Technical examination by the Central Water Commission (CWC) followed by subsequent techno-economic appraisal by the Advisory Committee of the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR) is a mandatory pre-condition for irrigation and flood management projects seeking central assistance under any scheme of the DoWR, RD & GR.

Detailed Project Reports of five irrigation projects and one flood management project with a total estimated cost of Rs. 11,122.76 crore has been received from Government of Karnataka in CWC. These projects have been examined by CWC and their examination/appraisal status is given at **Annexure**.

Decision regarding inclusion of projects for central assistance under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) or Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) depends on approved guidelines and the financial allocations for PMKSY/FMBAP for the period 2026-31, concurrent with the award period of the 16th Finance Commission.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 867 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.07.2026 REGARDING “CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO KARNATAKA FOR MAJOR IRRIGATION AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECTS”.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (Rs. in crore)	Status
1.	1 st Revised Cost Estimate of Sonthi Lift Irrigation Scheme	804.66	The project has been appraised by the Advisory Committee of the DoWR, RD & GR in its 160 th meeting held on 10.04.2026.
2.	Pre-feasibility Report (PFR) of ERM of Malaprabha Project Canal System	3000.00	CWC accorded in-principle consent on the PFR.
3.	ERM of Tungabhadra Left Bank Canal System	1444.42	The project was placed before the Advisory Committee of the DoWR, RD & GR in its 162 nd meeting held on 27.05.2026. The committee made some observations for clarifications by the project authority.
4.	ERM of Indi Branch Canal	2666.70	The project has been examined by the CWC and observations were communicated to the Project Authority for compliance.
5.	ERM of Ghataprabha Right Bank Main Canal	1596.98	The project has been examined by the CWC and observations were communicated to the Project Authority for compliance.
6.	Flood Control and Flood Management of Bennihalla River	1610.00	The project has been examined by the CWC and returned to the Government of Karnataka due to observations/shortcomings in the proposal.
	Total	11,122.76	