

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 18.11.2010**

**ANSWERED ON**

**STATE WATER PROJECTS AS NATIONAL PROJECTS .**

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether several State Governments have urged the Centre to declare some water projects as National projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any action on the requests of the State Governments and the time-frame in which these proposals are likely to be cleared; and
- (d) whether in the light of the increase in water demand in the next few years, Government proposes to formulate a National Water Policy?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a).Yes Sir,

(b) & (c). The details of the proposals received and action taken by the Union Government thereon are given below. The time-frame for clearance of the project cannot be given due to various constraints such as funds constraints, information/clarifications required from the State Governments while examination of the proposals is carried out at various stages;

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No.	Name of the project	Name of the State	Action taken by Union Government/required to be taken by the State Government
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1	Kanher Irrigation Project	Uttar Pradesh	Project is not eligible for inclusion as its ultimate irrigation potential is less than two lakh hectares.
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2	Baghain Dam	Uttar Pradesh	Project is not eligible for inclusion as its ultimate irrigation potential is less than two lakh hectares.
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3	Bansagar Canal	Uttar Pradesh	The State Government is to obtain revised investment clearance to revised estimated cost of the project
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4	Saryu Nehar	Uttar Pradesh	Due to fund constraints in the XI Plan, consideration of project was deferred in the 3rd meeting of the High Powered Steering Committee held on 2.6.2010
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5	Restoring capacity of Sharda Sahayak canal	Uttar Pradesh	Due to fund constraints in the XI Plan, consideration of project was deferred in the 3rd meeting of the High Powered Steering Committee held on 2.6.2010
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6	Rajghat canal	Phase II Uttar Pradesh	The State Government is to obtain investment clearance to latest estimated cost of the Phase II of the project.
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7	Rengali	Orissa	The State Government is to obtain revised investment clearance to latest estimated cost of the project.
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8	Polavaram	Andhra Pradesh	The project is to be cleared by the Expenditure Finance Committee/Project Investment Board before it is put up to Union Cabinet for consideration.
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9	J.Chokkarao Lift Irrigation Scheme	Andhra Pradesh	The State Government is to obtain investment clearance from the Planning Commission to latest estimated cost.
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10	Bargi Diversion Project	Madhya Pradesh	The project is to be cleared by the Expenditure Finance Committee/Project Investment Board before it is put up to
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11 Subernrekha project Orissa, Jharkhand, West Bengal The State Government is to obtain investment clearance from the Planning Commission to latest estimated cost.

(d). The National Water Policy 2002 (NWP) addresses the important issues related to water resources. However, it has been mentioned in NWP that it may be revised periodically as and when need arises. Further, the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) envisages that “the National Water Policy would be revisited in consultation with States to ensure basin level management strategies to deal with variability in rainfall and river flows due to climate change”. Steps are underway to revise NWP 2002.