

Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme : Funding in the Last Two Years

During 2016-17, ninety nine ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation Projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme(AIBP) (Including 26 projects of Maharashtra) having potential of 76.03 lakh ha. (8.51 lakh ha. in Maharashtra), have been identified in consultation with states, for completion in phases by December, 2019 along with their Command Area Development & Water Management (CADWM) works.

The water resources projects including their canal system are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement their efforts the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) provides financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) etc. under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

For completion of these projects in a mission mode, funding mechanism through NABARD has been approved by the Government for both Central and State share. Details of Central Assistance (CA) released/sanctioned and State share provided during 2016-17 & 2017-18 (so far) are as under:

(Rs. in cr.)

Scheme		Maharashtra		Country as a whole	
		2016-17	2017-18(so far)	2016-17	2017-18(so far)
Central Assistance	AIBP	379.88	133.67	3307.95	1424.51
	CAD	15.17	17.59	853.97	533.56
State Share through NABARD	AIBP	1723.58	1383.39	3324.51	3318.85
	CAD	-	-	10.47	-

As reported by concerned State Governments, AIBP works of 18 projects (including 4 projects of Maharashtra) have been completed/almost completed. Further, Central Assistance of Rs. 2514 cr. has been released for Polavaram Project during 2016-17 and Rs. 979.36 cr. during 2017-18. CA of another Rs. 1020.64 cr. has been sanctioned for this project during 2017-18.

This information was given by Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.
