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IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) the details of irrigation projects being run by Government in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of the amount demanded by the State Government and the amount allocated and issued by Government during the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-2023;
- (c) whether any proposals/demands of the State Government of Maharashtra related to irrigation projects are pending with Government;
- (d) if so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken on the concerned proposals/demands; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Government of India provides technical support, and partial financial assistance for the identified irrigation projects under its ongoing schemes. Further, techno-economic appraisal for major or medium irrigation, flood control and multipurpose projects on inter-State river systems is undertaken by Central Water Commission (CWC) under this Ministry. However, it is for the State Government concerned to plan, implement, run and maintain details of the irrigation projects within its jurisdiction.

Partial financial assistance is being provided by this Ministry for major and medium irrigation projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP), with pari-passu implementation of command area development & water management (CAD&WM). At the launch of PMKSY-AIBP in 2016, 26 number ongoing major & medium irrigation projects from Maharashtra were included under this scheme. These projects had balance estimated cost of Rs. 21,925.75 crore, with central assistance component being Rs. 3,109.98 crore. Progress in the 26 projects has created an additional irrigation potential of 314.71 thousand hectare during 2016-17 to 2021-22. Out of these, 9 projects have been completed.

In addition, one more major irrigation project from the State of Maharashtra, namely Jihe Kathapur (Guruvarya Late Laxman Inamdar) lift irrigation scheme has been included under PMKSY-AIBP during 2021-22. The project has a command area of 27,500 hectare and the estimated cost is Rs. 1200.2 crore at 2017-18 price level.

Further, a special package for completion of 8 number major and medium irrigation projects and 83 number surface minor irrigation (SMI) projects of Maharashtra having estimated balance cost of Rs. 13,651.61 crore as on 01.04.2018 has been approved by Government of India during 2018-19. Total central assistance under the package is Rs. 3,831.41 crore, for creation of additional potential of 3.77 lakh hectare. Out of these, so far 28 number SMI projects have been completed, and a total of 1.28 lakh hectare of irrigation potential has been created through these projects during 2018-2022.

(b) The details of the central assistance (CA) released under PMKSY-AIBP and Special Package to the State of Maharashtra during 2021-22 and 2022-23 are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Name of Scheme/ Package	Central assistance released during 2021-22	Central assistance released during 2022-23 (up to 31.1.2023)
PMKSY-AIBP including pari passu implementation of CAD&WM	314.43	0
Special Package for Maharashtra	725	10.767

(c) to (e) Detailed project report (DPR) of Katepurna barrage medium irrigation project of Maharashtra, has been received in Central Water Commission (CWC) in Sep., 2022. Estimated cost of the project is Rs. 533.81 crore at 2017-18 price level, and culturable command area to be covered is 4,350 hectare. Preliminary observations have been communicated by CWC to the project authorities in January, 2023.

As per CWC norms, time taken for completion of appraisal process by CWC for projects where the design is done by the State Government design organization as in this case, is four months. However, actual timelines for appraisal process is dependent upon submission of compliance by the project authorities on the observations of CWC on various aspects like hydrology, irrigation planning, inter-state aspects, design, cost estimation etc. in a reasonable time frame.
