

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
SOMPAL): (a) The present status

of on going World Bank aided irrigation
projects is an under:—

(Amount in Million USS)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount of Assistance Present value	Date of signing/ closing	Disburse-ment upto April 1998.
1.	Punjab Irrigation & Drainage Project	161.679	09.02.1990 31.07.1998	139.509
2.	Haryana Water Resources Consolidation Project	262.148	06.04.1994 31.12.2000	91.567
3.	Tamil Nadu Water Resources Con- solidation Project	252.303	29.04.1995 31.03.2002	16.586
4.	Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project	270.578	05.01.1996 30.09.2002	74.993
5.	Andhra Pradesh III Irrigation Project	325.00	03.06.1997 31.01.2003	58.831

(b) and (c) There is no inordinate delay in implementation of the above-projects, however, the credit closing date for "Punjab Irrigation and Drainage Project" has been extended for four months beyond March, 1998 *i.e.* 31.07.98.

Irrigation Projects pending with Government

1812. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Irrigation projects pending with Government for approval including their estimated projected cost and benefits likely to be accrued therefrom; State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) since when these projects are pending and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some of the State Governments have requested Government for the early approval of these projects;

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
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SOMPAL): (a) and (b) A statement giving
Statewise details of Major & Medium
Irrigation projects pending clearance at the
Centre alongwith their estimated cost &
benefits likely to be accrued alongwith their
present status of clearance is enclosed in
Annexure. [See Appendix 184, Annexure
No. 56]

(c) to (e) The Clearance of irrigation
projects is linked with compliance of
observations made by the various Central
appraising agencies by the State
Governments.

Work on SYL Canal

1813. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the
PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on Sutlej Yamuna
Link Canal has resumed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the loss in terms of time and money
caused by the delays?

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SOMPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information cannot be disclosed in public interest.

Allocations for Irrigation Projects in Eighth Plan

1814. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated during the Eighth Five Year Plan for the various Irrigation projects State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of Irrigation projects completed during this period, Statewise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the achievement in this direction has been slow and tardy; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken to remove the bottlenecks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) The total funds allocated during the Eighth Five Year Plan for irrigation sector in the country was Rs. 30,395.63 crores. The State-wise and year-wise details of funds

allocated for irrigation projects alongwith the State-wise details of number of Major, Medium and Extension, Renovation & Modernisation (ERM) projects completed during the Eighth Five Year Plan are enclosed at Statement. (See below) As regards the Minor irrigation schemes, the details of completed projects are not maintained at Union Government level. The reasons for slow progress in completion of irrigation projects include (i) financial constraints, (ii) proliferation of projects resulting in thin spreading of resources and consequent time and cost over-runs, (iii) change in scope and design of projects during construction, etc. In addition to advising the State Governments to provide higher plan allocations for irrigation sector, the Union Ministry of Water Resources has also launched "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme" (AIBP) since 1996-97 to expedite completion of selected ongoing projects which are at the advanced stage of construction and can yield benefits within a short timeframe. Central Loan Assistance of Rs. 500.00 crores and Rs. 952.19 crores has been released to the States under AIBP during 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively.

Statement

State-wise allocation of funds for irrigation projects during the eighth five year plan (year-wise) and No. of projects completed

S.No	Name of States	Allocation of funds for irrigation projects					No. of Major, Medium & ERM Projects during completed 8th Plan (Provisional)
		(Rs. In crores)					
		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995%	1996-97	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	297.32	369.35	408.54	1122.8	774.64	—
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	12.40	14.40	15.20	16.66	17.92	—
3.	Assam	91.05	67.00	63.65	67.00	99.60	—
4.	Bihar	476.01	500.27	500.27	495.16	412.77	—
5.	Goa	24.61	27.85	33.31	34.28	49.50	—
6.	Gujarat	460.10	490.10	585.98	638.38	1222.03	21
7.	Haryana	79.30	97.44	164.63	224.46	327.66	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	29.09	20.84	26.00	28.76	34.62	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	33.97	38.19	38.68	41.99	44.42	3
10.	Karnataka	278.21	547.80	695.95	842.28	1125.82	1
11.	Kerala	100.50	117.00	137.50	147.00	175.35	5
12.	Madhya Pradesh	505.56	524.05	529.30	428.74	440.56	6
13.	Maharashtra	502.05	770.64	844.53	915.79	1050.56	—