

(b) the number of such projects of which construction work was started under this programme and since when and the irrigation capacity of these projects; and

(c) the irrigation capacity built as a result of construction of these projects till March, 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme started in 1996-97 and major/multipurpose/medium projects including surface water Minor Irrigation Schemes were included in the Programme from year to year as proposed by the State Governments from year to year as per guidelines of the programme in force. So far, 281 major/multipurpose/medium projects have been funded under AIBP. Irrigation potential of 54.86 lakh hectares was created from major/multipurpose/medium projects up to March 2009 against the targeted potential of about 122 lakh hectares. Irrigation potential of 9.82 lakh hectares is estimated to have been created during 2009-10 from major/multipurpose/medium irrigation projects and surface water minor irrigation schemes.

#### **Grants and loans under AIBP**

†1312. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government provides amount as grant and loan under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) in the country;

(b) if so, that total amount provided till March, 2010; and

(c) the details of amount provided as loans and grants separately out of it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) started in 1996-97 with provision of Central Loan Assistance to States for completion of ongoing irrigation projects. Grant component was introduced in the Programme in 2004-05. However since 2005-06 onward, the Union Government is providing only grant component.

(b) Total Central assistance provided up to March 2010 is Rs. 41729.3726 crore.

(c) The amount of Loan and Grant is Rs. 16757.4438 crore and Rs. 24971.9288 crore respectively.

#### **Share of Rajasthan in Yamuna water**

†1313. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:  
SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.