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#### **Pending proposals for Micro Irrigation in Chhattisgarh**

†4169. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals from Chhattisgarh, for micro irrigation in the districts of the State, are pending with the Ministry for central assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP);

(b) the district-wise details of micro irrigation scheme and by when the approvals thereto would be accorded, the details thereof; and

(c) the detailed reasons for the delay, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) As per information furnished by the State Government of Chhattisgarh, no proposal for micro irrigation is pending with the Ministry for Central assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP).

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

#### **River linking project**

4170. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the Task Force assigned with the feasibility of the river linking project had the Surveyor General of India for topography maps of the Indian rivers required for the study;

(b) if so, whether objections were raised for making available the maps, on the grounds that they were secret documents and their placement on the website to invite technical opinions about feasibility of the dream project would involve security problems; and

(c) if so, the manner in which the problems and related objections have been resolved?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.