

(b) if so, the amount to be released therefor and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV) (a) and (b) The Central Government is providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to 11 on-going major/medium Irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh. An amount of Rs. 869.331 crore has so far been provided to the State Government under this programme. The CLA under AIBP is released to the State Government on an year to year basis as, per the ceiling fixed by the Planning Commission, budget allocation made by the State Government and the demand made by the State Government against each of the project. No demand for CLA has been received from the State Government during the current financial year.

Project to connect the river

†57. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to consider afresh the project to connect the rivers for proper water management in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by Government on this proposal, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV) (a) to (c) The Government envisages a comprehensive review of the feasibility of linking the river of the country in a fully consultative manner.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.