

- This Ministry has also formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) envisaging inter-basin transfer of water. The implementation of NPP would give benefits of approximately 35 million hectare of additional irrigation potential and 34000 MW Hydro Power generation apart from the incidental benefits of flood moderation, navigation, drinking and industrial water supply, fisheries, salinity and pollution control etc.

Different stakeholders, including villagers and non-Governmental organizations, etc. are associated in activities relating to water management. The work done by them in water conservation and management is taken into consideration by the Government and the good practices are adopted while formulating and implementing different schemes/programmes.

Central assistance to Maharashtra under AIBP

1747. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has requested an early release of Central assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) for its various major/medium irrigation projects;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto indicating the reasons for delay in payment; and

(c) by when the Central Government would release the grant to the State Government for timely completion of various irrigation proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANWAR LAL JAT): (a) to (c) Since inception of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), 66 Major and Medium Irrigation Projects of Maharashtra have been included under this programme out of which 37 projects have been completed. During 2015-16, Central Assistance (CA) of ₹ 307.81 crore was provided to 9 projects of Maharashtra as per guidelines of AIBP. No proposal for release of CA has been received during current year (2016-17) till date.

Bilateral co-operation with other countries on water sector

1748. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many MoUs have been entered into by the Ministry with other countries on bilateral co-operation on water sector since, 2013; and