GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2807

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IRRIGATION IN KARNATAKA

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

(a) the total area brought under irrigation through major and minor irrigation projects in the State of Karnataka during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilized for enhancing irrigation facilities in the State of Karnataka under various Schemes during the said period; and

(c) the specific steps taken by Government to modernize and upgrade existing irrigation infrastructure in the State of Karnataka and ensure equitable distribution of water among farmers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY**)**

(a) & (b) Water resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Government themselves as per their own resources and priority. Role of Government of India is limited to being catalytic, providing technical support, and partial financial assistance to a few identified projects under the ongoing schemes of this Ministry. Under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Government of India provides partial central assistance to certain identified ongoing major & medium irrigation projects. Further, under Her Khet Ko Paani (HKKP) - Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) & Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of water bodies component of PMKSY, partial central assistance is provided for certain identified surface minor irrigation projects.

During the period 2022-25, central assistance of Rs. 111.39 crore was released to Karnataka for major & minor irrigation projects under PMKSY – AIBP & HKKP and 16,953 hectare area brought under irrigation.

(c) Under the PMKSY-AIBP, partial central assistance is provided for certain identified Extension, Renovation & Modernization (ERM) projects also. The project namely ERM of Narayanpur Left Bank Canal (NLBC) system in Karnataka was included in PMKSY-AIBP scheme of Government of India, for modernization & upgradation of existing irrigation infrastructure and to enhance equitable distribution of water among farmers. Total central assistance of Rs. 929.40 crore has been released to the project and irrigation potential of 99.70 thousand-hectare has been restored during 2016-2025.

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