

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 903**

ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025

**KOSI MECHI INTRA-STATE LINK PROJECT UNDER PMKSY-AIBP**

903 #. SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR

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

- (a) the estimate of irrigation benefits likely to accrue from the Koshi-Mechi Intra-State Link Project under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) including the total land to be irrigated in Kharif season each year;
- (b) whether Government has carried out any environmental impact assessment or have consulted the local stakeholders before approving the project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of districts and farmers expected to be benefitted directly on completion of the project?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

- (a)** Upon completion, the Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project project is expected to provide irrigation facilities to a total of 2.15 lakh hectare area in Kharif season in Araria, Purnea, Kishanganj & Katihar districts of Bihar.
- (b) & (c)** Yes, Environmental Impact Assessment has been carried out for this project and Environment Clearance was granted in 2019, to the project for a period of 10 years.
- (d)** Farmers of four nos. districts of Bihar namely; Araria, Purnea, Kishanganj & Katihar and agriculture area of 2.15 lakh hectares are expected to be benefitted directly on completion of Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link project.

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