

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 655**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05/12/2025

**ENHANCEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY IN MAYURBHANJ**

655. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal of additional canals, lift irrigation and expansion of micro-irrigation schemes in Mayurbhanj district to enhance irrigation capacity and thereby increase farmers' productivity,
- (b) whether Government would organize special training camps for promoting organic farming, seed conservation and modern agricultural technologies; and
- (c) whether any scheme is being formulated to promote pulses, oilseeds, and horticultural crops in Mayurbhanj, keeping in mind its specific climatic conditions?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Government launched Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) during 2015-16. The Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) and Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) components of PMKSY are being implemented by the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD&GR). These components focus on implementation of major, medium and minor irrigation projects in the country.

The Subarnarekha project under PMKSY-AIBP is benefitting Mayurbhanj district of Odisha. Under this project, irrigation potential of 115.26 thousand hectares has so far been created with central assistance of Rs. 603.42 crore against the targeted irrigation potential of 119.26 thousand hectares. Under the Repair, Renovation & Restoration of Water Bodies component of PMKSY-HKKP, out of 11 water bodies under implementation in Mayurbhanj district, 6 have been reported as completed with an expenditure of Rs. 10.88 crore, restoring 735 hectares of irrigation potential so far. In addition, one irrigation project namely Khairibandhan Barrage Project benefitting Mayurbhanj district proposed by Government of Odisha was considered and accepted in 153<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Advisory Committee of DoWR, RD & GR.

Further, an area of 12,080.20 hectare has been covered under micro-irrigation in Mayurbhanj district since 2015-16 through Per Drop More Crop scheme implemented by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW).

(b) & (c): Government of India is committed to holistic development of the agriculture sector in the country including Mayurbhanj district in coordination with the State of Odisha through various schemes. To support capacity building of farmers and dissemination of improved agricultural practices based on local agro-climatic conditions, Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA) scheme is being implemented in all districts of Odisha including Mayurbhanj district. The scheme promotes decentralized and farmer-oriented extension services and provides training, demonstrations, exposure visits, Kisan Melas, mobilisation of farmer groups, and farm schools on topics such as organic farming, seed conservation and modern agricultural technologies, among other thematic areas. Two Krishi Vigyan Kendras set up in Mayurbhanj district conduct technology assessment, demonstration and training for farmers, farm women and rural youth on pulses, oilseeds, horticultural crops, including natural farming practices and climate-resilient agriculture.

Further, various schemes, such as, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF), Per Drop More Crop (PDMC), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization and National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds & Oil Palm are being implemented by DA&FW in the Country including State of Odisha.

\*\*\*\*