

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2788
ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018

MEANS OF IRRIGATION

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether means of irrigation are far less than required especially in Sahebganj, Pakur, Godda and Dumka districts of Jharkhand due to which people depend on the water of ponds and rivers for irrigation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number and create requisite means of irrigation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c) As per the land use statistics available at website of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, total cropped area and gross irrigated area in the State of Jharkhand during 2014-15 were 1554th. ha. and 221th. ha. respectively.

Water resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement the efforts Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes such as Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

During 2016-17, Subernarekha Multipurpose project of Jharkhand under PMKSY-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) having ultimate irrigation potential of 236.85th. ha. And benefitting East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Seraikela Kharsawan districts has been identified in consultation with the State for completion by the year 2019. For timely completion of this project, funding mechanism through NABARD has been approved by the Government for both central and state share. Total Central Assistance (CA) of Rs. 1278.63 cr. has been released for above project since 2011-12.

Further, under PMKSY (Har Khet Ko Pani), 82 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) Schemes (including 19 SMI schemes benefitting Dumka and Godda districts) of Jharkhand having irrigation potential of 8982 ha. and estimated cost of Rs.75.32 crore have been approved and CA of Rs.19.38 cr. has been released till date.