

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3766
ANSWERED ON 03.01.2019

MISSION BHAGIRATHA

3766. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA

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

- (a) whether Telangana has demanded budgetary allocations for Mission Bhagiratha and Mission Kakatiya;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon by the Government;
- (c) whether NITI Aayog has given any recommendations in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (d) The Government of Telangana requested for a Special Development Package with a Central grant of Rs.30,571 crore over the four-years period of 2015-19 for Mission Bhagiratha and Mission Kakatiya.

NITI Aayog vide their Office Memorandum (OM) dated 31.05.2016 recommended for releasing an amount of Rs.5000 crore over a period of three years for Mission Kakatiya to Ministry of Finance. NITI Aayog had also mentioned in the said OM that request of State Government for supporting the Mission Bhagiratha for Rs.19205 crore over a period of three years also needs consideration by Ministry of Finance.

Ministry of Finance vide its OM dated 14.07.2016 stated that funding for Mission Kakatiya and Mission Bhagiratha may not be possible from the head of 'Special Assistance' which has been created for specific purposes under Demand No. 32 (previously 37) operated by Department of Expenditure.

Further, works related to water resources development & management are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India 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 scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

575 water bodies under 4 clusters are ongoing under the RRR of Water Bodies scheme in the State of Telangana. Total estimated cost of these schemes is Rs.459.18 crore with Rs.272.02 crore as Central Share. Out of this, Rs.104.559 crore has been released as Central Assistance (CA) for these schemes till March, 2018 as per the proposals received from the State Government.
