GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3039

ANSWERED ON 11.07.2019

IRRIGATION SCHEMES IN ASSAM

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether farmers in certain areas of Assam are unable to carry-out farming activities due to lack of irrigation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the funds sanctioned and released to State Government of Assam for irrigation schemes during the last three years; and
- (c) the further action taken by the Union Government to enhance the irrigation system in Assam?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

- (a) As per statistics of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoA & FW) for the year 2014-15, net area sown in Assam was 28.27LHa and net irrigated area was 2.96LHa.
- (b) & (c) Water resources projects 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 through various schemes and programmes such as Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) having various components such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP); Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP); Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) and Watershed Development Component (WDC).

The details of Central Assistance (CA) released under various components of PMKSY for the State of Assam during last three years are as under:

(Rs in crore)

| Sl. No. | PMKSY Component | Central Assistance released | | |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 1 | PDMC | 11.00 | 3.00 | 30.00 |
| 2 | WDC | 0 | 65.09 | 66.55 |
| 3 | AIBP | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | HKKP-(a)CADWM | 0 | 0 | 3.55 |
| | (b)SMI | 87.86 | 375.77 | 428.34 |
| | (c) RRR | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 98.86 | 443.86 | 528.44 |

SMI – Surface Minor Irrigation scheme; CADWM- Command Area Development and Water Management; RRR –Repair, Renovation & Restoration of water bodies.