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IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

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

- (a) the details of the irrigation projects being run by the Government in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) the details of the funds requested by the Government of West Bengal and the funds allocated and released by the Union Government during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether any proposals/requests of the Government of West Bengal related to the irrigation projects are pending with the Union Government;
- (d) if so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken thereon; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Government of India provides technical support, and also partial financial assistance under its ongoing schemes, to the State Governments for the irrigation projects. However, it is for the State Government concerned to plan, implement and fund irrigation projects, as per their own priorities and resource availability, etc. Some of the irrigation projects taken up by Government of West Bengal with financial assistance from Government of India in the recent past, are given below.

1. Teesta Barrage project, with irrigation potential of 5.27 lakh hectares, is being provided central assistance under the National projects scheme of this Ministry. Though the project was to be completed by 2015, however, in view of land acquisition and change in land use pattern related issues, so far irrigation potential of 1.97 lakh hectares has been created.
2. Government of West Bengal has also reported to have completed 6 number of check dams in Purulia district, taken up during 2019-2021 under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana being serviced by Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare (DoA&FW). The said work has been completed, creating 643 hectare of new irrigation potential.

3. With the launch of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) in the year 2015, Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) was included as one of its components, to be implemented by DoA&FW. However, with effect from December, 2021, PDMC is being implemented by DoA&FW as a part of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, in lieu of PMKSY. Since 2015-16, micro irrigation potential of about 66,517 hectare has been achieved in West Bengal under PDMC.

(b) Details of funds released by Government of India to West Bengal for irrigation projects during last three years and current year, are tabulated below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	National project scheme	PDMC	RKVY (other than PDMC)
2019-2020	-	20.0	2.31
2020-2021	-	61.0	2.10
2021-2022	-	-	-
2022-23 (till date)	-	60.0	4.41

(c) to (e) No proposal/ request from Government of West Bengal regarding financial assistance for irrigation projects, is presently under process or pending in this Ministry.
