

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 05.03.2020

CONSTRUCTION OF CANALS IN CHHATTISGARH

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal for construction of canals including micro and small irrigation projects in Chhattisgarh to irrigate the arable land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the remedial steps proposed/suggested by the Government to remove the hurdles as per the guidelines/procedures of the Department of Forest in the construction of canals from proposed water reservoirs to arable land; and
- (d) the reasons for not addressing such issues so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The works related to water resources development and 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 / programmes, such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM), Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) and Repair Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). Under the PMKSY since July 2016, ninety-nine (99) AIBP projects have been prioritized in 18 states (including 3 projects of Chhattisgarh) with a dedicated funding mechanism for mission mode completion. Central Assistance of Rs.34.63 Cr. has been released from year 2016-17 till Feb., 2020 under PMKSY-AIBP for 3 Major / Medium projects of Chhattisgarh State.

From July 2016, the CADWM Programme has been restricted to 99 prioritized AIBP projects. Out of 99 prioritized projects, depending on the requirements of the State Governments, 88 projects spread over 18 states (including 3 projects of Chhattisgarh) have been included for CADWM programme so far. Central Assistance of Rs. 21.71 Cr. has been released from year 2016-17 till Feb., 2020 under PMKSY-CADWM Programme for 3 projects of Chhattisgarh State.

One cluster of 147 SMI schemes from the state of Chhattisgarh was included in FY 2013-14 for the release of Central Assistance (CA) under the Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) scheme of PMKSY. Estimated cost of the scheme is Rs.722.17 crore with a planned potential creation of 50513 hectare. So far, Rs.200.37 crore has been released as Central Assistance (CA) and total expenditure of Rs.641.00 crore has been incurred on the scheme upto March, 2019 as reported by the state.

(c) & (d) As per information made available by the State of Chhattisgarh, in all such cases where forest land is affected in construction of canals the forest cases are prepared as per the laid-down norms of forest department and necessary clearance is obtained from MOEF & CC, Government of India.