

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *63

ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022

RESTORATION OF OLD IRRIGATION PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various State Governments including Maharashtra and Odisha have requested the Union Government for a grant to restore their old irrigation projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the current status, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for long delay in restoration of the said projects along with the action taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to provide a lumpsum amount to the States to restore and facilitate the implementation of all the irrigation projects through an integrated process;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) whether the Union Government also proposes to provide water for irrigation to each and every farm field, if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is likely to be done?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO, IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. †*63 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING “RESTORATION OF OLD IRRIGATION PROJECTS”.

(a) & (b) Government of India provides partial financial assistance under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) - Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) and National Project scheme to the irrigation projects implemented by State Governments. Extension, renovation and modernisation (ERM) of existing irrigation projects is also partially funded under the above schemes.

With the launch of PMKSY in 2016, 99 prioritized projects were taken up along with their command area development and water management works, for financial assistance under AIBP. Out of these, 7 projects are ERM projects. One out of the 7 ERM projects, namely, Anandpur Barrage Phase-I / Integrated Anandpur Barrage is from the State of Odisha. However, no ERM project has been included under PMKSY-AIBP from the State of Maharashtra.

Further one more irrigation project, Sukla irrigation project of Assam has been included for financial assistance under PMKSY-AIBP in March, 2022. However, no ERM project is included under National Project scheme of this Ministry.

Details of 7 ERM projects under PMKSY-AIBP mentioned above are given below.

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project	Central assistance released during 2016-22 (Rs. in crore)	Irrigation potential created/restored in 2016-22 (Th. hectare)	Status
1.	Chhatisgarh	Maniyari Tank Project	3.62	0.30	Completed
2.		Kharung Project	-	9.21	Completed
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	Restoration & Modernisation of Main Ravi Canal	15.29	5.52	Completed
4.	Karnataka	Narayanpur Left Bank Canal System Project	929.4	99.60	Ongoing (nearly completed)
5.	Odisha	Anandpur Barrage Phase-I / Integrated Anandpur Barrage	28.01	2.85	Ongoing
6.	Punjab	Rehabilitation of Ist Patiala Feeder and Kotla Branch Project	6.66	30.39	Completed
7.	Rajasthan	Modernisation of Gang Canal	30.74	0.53	Completed
8.	Assam	ERM of Sukla Irrigation Project	-	-	Ongoing (included in 2021-22)

In addition to financial assistance under PMKSY-AIBP, partial financial assistance to Relining of Sirhind Feeder and Rajasthan Feeder of Punjab has been approved by Government of India in November, 2018 for an estimated cost of Rs. 1,976.75 crore. Against total central assistance of Rs. 982 crore, about Rs. 434 crore has been released so far. Stabilization of 93,425 hectare irrigation potential has been achieved in the project so far, against the total target of 1,67, 825 hectare ultimate irrigation potential.

(c) Irrigation projects, including the ERM projects, are implemented by the State Governments themselves, as per their priorities and funds availability. However, for the projects for which financial assistance is being provided by Government of India, physical monitoring done by Central Water Commission (CWC) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. Further, these projects are reviewed in the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti from time to time.

(d) and (e) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government of India in this regard.

(f) Under the umbrella scheme of PMKSY, Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) component aims to provide water for irrigation to farm fields. HKKP, in turn, consists of four sub-components, namely Command Area Development & Water Management (CAD&WM), Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies, and Ground Water (GW) Development. The total outlay (central assistance component) under PMKSY-HKKP during 2021-26 is Rs.10,968 crore, as per details below.

Component of Har Khet Ko Pani	Outlay of Central Assistance during 2021-26 (Rs. in crore)
Command Area Development & Water Management	5,566
Surface Minor Irrigation, and Repair-Renovation- Restoration of water bodies	4,580
Ground Water development (for 2021-22 only)	822
Grand Total	10,968

Apart from PMKSY, a special package, namely Special Package for irrigation projects to address agrarian distress in 14 suicide prone districts of Vidarbha and Marathwada and other chronically drought prone areas of Rest of Maharashtra (Special Package) was approved by Government of India in 2018. Apart from 8 major / medium irrigation projects, it consists of financial assistance to 83 surface minor irrigation (SMI) projects. Against total central assistance of Rs. 3,831.41 crore under the special package, Rs. 1,906 crore has been released. So far, 26 SMI schemes out of the above have been completed.
