

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 776

ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025

ONGOING IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN BIHAR

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

- (a) the details of ongoing mega irrigation projects in Bihar, location-wise;
- (b) whether these projects have been delayed, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has made any efforts to provide more funds for completion of such projects on time; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (d) Water resources projects are planned, executed, funded and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. Role of Government of India is limited to being catalytic, extending technical support and providing partial financial assistance to a few identified projects under the ongoing schemes of this Ministry.

The details of major ongoing irrigation projects in Bihar, including projects receiving partial financial assistance under the schemes of this Ministry and those implemented by the State itself, are given at **Annexure**, along with details of location, funds provided by Government of India and reasons for delay, if any as reported by the State.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 776 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2025 REGARDING “ONGOING IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN BIHAR”

S.No.	Name of Project	Location (Districts)	Funding under Central Schemes	Central assistance released to project (Rs. in Crore)	Reason for delay, if any
1.	Durgawati Reservoir Project	Kaimur and Rohtas	Partial central Funding under PMKSY-AIBP	176.26	The project is in completion stage. Delay was due to land acquisition issues in canal distributaries
2.	Punpun Barrage Project	Aurangabad	Partial central Funding under PMKSY-AIBP	84.47	Due to land acquisition issues in canals, project has been delayed
3.	North Koel Project	Aurangabad and Gaya	Partial central Funding under PMKSY-AIBP	771.04	Delay due to R&R issues in Jharkhand
4.	Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project	Araria, Purnea, Kishanganj and Katihar	Partial central Funding under PMKSY-AIBP	-	Newly included project in PMKSY-AIBP in March 2025
5.	Conversion of Kamla Weir into Barrage	Madhubani	Funding by the State Government	-	State reported delay due to Land Acquisition issues
6.	Eastern Gandak Canal System (Gandak Phase- II) Project	East Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Vaishali & Samastipur	Funding by the State Government	-	State reported delay due to COVID-19, canal operation during Kharif Season, land acquisition.
7.	Restoration of Western Gandak Canal System (Saran Main Canal	Gopalganj, Siwan & Saran	Funding by the State Government	-	State reported delay due to COVID-19, canal operation during Kharif Season. Restoration of Saran Canal delayed due to addition extra items.
