

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3380

ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026

IRRIGATION AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECTS IN BIHAR

†3380. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

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

- (a) the details of major and medium irrigation and flood management projects approved in Bihar under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), district-wise;
- (b) the original timeline, current status and irrigation potential created for these projects along with details of delayed projects and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of funds approved, released and spent for these projects during the last five years, project-wise;
- (d) the details of the monitoring and review mechanism adopted by the Government to remove delays and to ensure timely completion of irrigation projects in view of the recurring flood and drought conditions in the State; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken to expedite the completion of pending irrigation and flood management projects and to strengthen climate-resilient irrigation infrastructure in Bihar?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) Ninety-Nine (99) ongoing Major/Medium Irrigation projects (and 7 phases) with pari-passu command area development in 88 projects were identified and included under PMKSY during 2016-17. Out of them, two projects of Bihar, namely Durgawati Project benefiting Rohtas & Kaimur districts and Punpun Barrage Project benefiting Patna, Arwal & Jehanabad district were included under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) with pari-passu command area development in Durgawati Project under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana-Command Area Development and Water Management (PMKSY-CAD&WM).

Further, Nineteen (19) major and medium irrigation projects have been taken up for funding under PMKSY-AIBP after approval of implementation of PMKSY for the period of 2021-26. Out of them two projects, namely Kosi-Mechi Intra-State Link benefiting Araria, Purnea, Kishanganj & Katihar district and North Koel Project benefiting Aurangabad, Gaya, Palamau & Garhwa district of Bihar.

The project-wise details are given at **Annexure**.

(d) & (e) In order to remove the delay and to ensure timely completion of these projects, the Ministry and the State Government undertake project-wise periodic reviews meetings to monitor physical and financial progress of the projects. Issues and bottlenecks under the projects are flagged over Project Monitoring Group (PMG) portal and resolved in PMG review meetings. Further, Govt monitors these projects through a dedicated dashboard, backed with a management information system maintained by DoWR, RD & GR. To expedite completion, the projects are regularly visited and monitored by Central Water Commission under DoWR, RD & GR, as well as by a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) under this Ministry.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3380 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.03.2026 REGARDING “IRRIGATION AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECTS IN BIHAR”.

Details of projects under PMSKY-AIBP and PMKSY-CADWM Schemes

(Rs. in Crore and Irrigation Potential & Command Area in Thousand Hectare)

S.No.	Project Name	Districts Benefitted	Estimated Cost	Expenditure	Eligible Central Assistance under PMKSY	Central Assistance released during 2020-25	Ultimate Irrigation Potential	Irrigation Potential Created	Scheduled completion under PMKSY	Present Status
PMKSY-AIBP										
1	Durgawati Project	Rohtas, Kaimur	1207.39	1183.46	90.07	14.12	39.61	35.50	December, 2019	Completed.
2	Punpun Barrage Project	Patna, Arwal, Jehanabad	685.28	409.17	106.02	0	13.68	3.68	December, 2019	Headwork completed.
3	Kosi-Mechi Intra State Link Project	Araria, Purnea, Kishanganj & Katihar	6282.32	132.00	3652.56	0	210.516	0	March, 2029	Physical Progress - 4%
d4	North Koel Project (Bihar-Jharkhand Interstate Project)	Aurangabad, Gaya, Palamau & Garhwa	2431.00	946.39	1836.41	49.82	95.521	0	June, 2026	Physical Progress - 38%
Total:			10605.99	2671.02	5685.06	63.94	359.327	39.18		

S. No.	Project Name	Districts Benefitted	Estimated Cost	Expenditure	Eligible Central Assistance under PMKSY	Central Assistance released during 2020-25	Command Area	Command Area Developed	Scheduled completion under PMKSY	Present Status
PMKSY-CAD&WM										
1.	Durgawati CADWM Project	Rohtas, Kaimur	142.20	75.64	50.66	0	30.51	19.13	December, 2019	Physical progress - 63%
