

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4553**

ANSWERED ON 19.03.2026

**IMPLEMENTATION OF PMKSY IN BIHAR**

4553. SHRI ARUN BHARTI:

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

- (a) the total area (in hectares) brought under assured irrigation in Bihar under the 'Har Khet Ko Pani' component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY);
- (b) the current status of projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in Bihar, including the Durgavati Reservoir and Kosi Main Canal Projects;
- (c) the details regarding the progress of irrigation schemes in the Jamui Lok Sabha Constituency, including the Kundghat Reservoir and Garhi Dam modernisation;
- (d) the total funds released to Bihar under Surface Minor Irrigation and Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the completion of pending irrigation projects in Bihar, particularly in drought-prone southern regions of the State?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) & (b)** During 2016-17, two projects, namely Durgawati Project and Punpun Barrage Project of Bihar were included under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) component with pari-passu command area development in Durgawati Project under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana-Har Khet Ko Pani (PMKSY-HKKP) component. Further, two projects, namely Kosi-Mechi Intra-State Link and North Koel Project of Bihar have been taken up under PMKSY-AIBP for the period of 2021-26.

Irrigation potential of 39.18 thousand hectares created under PMKSY-AIBP with command area development of 19.13 thousand hectares under PMKSY-HKKP. Further, Irrigation potential of 41.44 thousand hectares created through Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) schemes and Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies under PMKSY-HKKP.

The current status of projects under PMKSY-AIBP in the State of Bihar is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Current Status
1	Durgawati Project	Completed
2	Punpun Barrage Project	Headwork completed.
3	Kosi-Mechi Intra State Link Project	Physical Progress - 4%
4	North Koel Project (Bihar-Jharkhand Interstate Project)	Physical Progress - 38%

(c) As informed by the Government of Bihar, progress of irrigation schemes in the Jamui Lok Sabha Constituency is as under:

- i. **Kundghat Reservoir Scheme:** Under this scheme, Kundghat dam has been constructed across the Bahuar river in Sikandra Block of Jamui district and the scheme is in advanced stage of completion.
- ii. **Garhi Dam Modernization:** Government of Bihar has prepared a scheme to transfer flood water of Ganga river during the monsoon period to different reservoirs of Bihar, including Upper Kiul (Garhi Dam), Anjan Dam, Amrity Dam & Shikhandi Dam of Jamui district. The Central Water Commission has accorded in-principal approval to the Preliminary Project Report of this scheme.
- iii. **Barnar Reservoir Scheme:** The scheme envisages construction of a concrete dam & canal system on the Barnar river, a tributary of the Kiul river, in the Sono block of Jamui district. The project is in initial stage of implementation.

(d) For Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) schemes and Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies in Bihar, central assistance of Rs. 111.67 Crore has been released up to March 2025 and a Mother Sanction of Rs. 12.48 Crore has been issued during the current financial year 2025-26.

(e) To expedite the completion of pending irrigation 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, government monitors these projects through a dedicated dashboard, backed with a management information system maintained by DoWR, RD & GR. The projects also regularly visited and monitored by Central Water Commission under DoWR, RD & GR, as well as a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) under this ministry.

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