

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1858

ANSWERED ON 30.07.2026

STATUS OF IRRIGATION PROJECTS

†1858. Shri KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Shri RAJESH RANJAN:

Shri RAMPRIT MANDAL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of irrigation related projects and other projects including the Kosi-Mechi inter-State link project and barrages meant for flood control in Bihar as announced in the Union Budget for the year 2024-25; and**
- (b) the details of the funds spent so far on the said projects?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The Central Government announced in the Union Budget 2024-25 to provide financial support through the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme and other sources for projects with estimated cost of Rs. 11,500 crore such as the Kosi-Mechi intra-state link and 20 other ongoing and new schemes including barrages, river pollution abatement and irrigation projects of Bihar.

Technical examination by the Central Water Commission (CWC) followed by subsequent techno-economic appraisal by the Advisory Committee of the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation

(DoWR, RD&GR) is a mandatory pre-condition for irrigation and flood management projects seeking central assistance under any scheme of the DoWR, RD&GR.

The Kosi-Mechi Intra-State Link Project was examined by CWC and appraised by Advisory Committee of the DoWR, RD&GR for a total cost of Rs. 6,282.32 crore. The project was included under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) for balance cost of works of Rs. 6,143.22 crore, with central assistance of Rs. 3,652.56 crore. Special Loan Assistance of Rs. 631.59 crore has also been provided to the Project under Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment (SASCI). Funds amounting to Rs. 263.40 crore have so far been spent on the project.

Further, in the F.Y. 2025-26, one flood management project, namely, construction of 30 nos. of Bed Bars & slope pitching at Jamla-Rasulpur village in total length of 1,314 m and Bairgania Ring Bundh 900 m under Bagmati Division, Sitamarhi costing Rs. 13.8035 Crore was included under River Management Activities & Works related to Border Areas (RMBA) component of Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) Scheme with 100 percent central funding and an amount of Rs. 4.145 crore has been released for this project.

Other irrigation and flood management projects submitted by Government of Bihar are at different stages of technical examination/ appraisal and decision regarding inclusion of new projects for central assistance under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) or Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) depends on approved guidelines and the financial allocations for PMKSY/ FMBAP for the period 2026-31, concurrent with the award period of the 16th Finance Commission.
