

Re: Construction of barrages across river Mahanadi-laid

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): There is a need to construct barrages across river Mahanadi on the downstream of Hirakud Dam. As there is acute shortage of water on both the sides of the Mahanadi River it has become essential to harness the excess rain water that flows down to Bay of Bengal. With the construction of number of barrages new reservoirs may be created on the river bed which would recharge the ground water and the water could be utilized for Drinking water project other than providing irrigation during Rabi crop.

Government of Odisha has lined up number of such projects both downstream of Hirakud Dam upto Munduli Barrage and below. I would urge upon the Government to extend full support both technically and financially for these projects on an urgent basis.
