

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:592
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2000
RENGALI IRRIGATION PROJECT
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO;HEMA GAMANG

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have approved the Rengali Multipurpose Irrigation Project of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the estimated cost, total irrigation potentials and the likely date of completion of the project;
- (c) whether construction work on the project has commenced; and
- (d) if so, the extent of progress of various aspects of the project as on date ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) The reference is presumably to Rengali Irrigation Project which was approved by Planning Commission during 1978 at an estimated cost of Rs.233.64 Crore for providing Annual Irrigation to 4,23,600 hectares on completion. However, latest estimated cost is reported to be Rs. 1892.5 Crore against which an expenditure of Rs.600.50 Crore has been incurred upto March, 2000. As per the Draft Annual Plan Document of Orissa for 2000-2001, the physical progress achieved upto March, 2000 is as under:-

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| (i) Barrage (named Samal) | Completed |
| (ii) Main canal & branches | 68.50 Km |
| (iii) Structures (Main, branch and distributaries) | 185 Km |

The project is likely to be completed by 2003.