

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:81  
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KONAR IRRIGATION PROJECT  
ANANTA NAYAK

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the original estimated cost of Konar Irrigation Project in Orissa;
- (b) whether the cost has substantially been escalated;
- (c) if so, whether the Government propose to revise the cost of the project;
- (d) the amount spent on the project, year-wise till-date; and
- (e) the steps taken to release additional amount for the project?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) There is no major or medium ongoing Irrigation Project bearing the name Konar in Orissa. Konar Irrigation project is located in Jharkhand. The original cost of this project was Rs.93.6 crore in 1984. The latest estimated cost is Rs.337 crore. The cumulative expenditure upto March, 2000 is about Rs.100.83 crore. The Central Government is giving Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme to only such approved irrigation projects which comply with the norms of this programme.