

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5342  
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS  
ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a) whether funds allocated for Kolab, Rengali and Hirakud Irrigation Projects between 1997 and 2001 have not been properly utilised;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the allocation made to Orissa Government from the Union Government and external agencies for implementing these projects?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Irrigation being a state subject, the planning investigation, funding, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects as also flood control and drainage projects is done by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their own priorities.

Upper Kolab & Rengali Projects are getting Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme for their expeditious completion. Instalment of CLA due to any project is released based on the utilization of the previous instalment and the monitoring report of Central Water Commission.

(c) CLA amounting to about Rs. 142 crores and Rs.32 crores has been released to Rengali and Upper Kolab Project since 1996-97 upto March, 2001. Rengali Irrigation Project is also receiving external assistance from Japanese Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). Out of 7760 million yen allocated, 3399.68 million yen has been utilized upto January, 2002.