

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1894

ANSWERED ON:15.12.2003

RETRENCHMENT OF WORKERS FROM IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF ORISSA

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of workers engaged in various ongoing major irrigation projects in Orissa as on March 31, 2003, project-wise;
- (b) whether a large number of workers are being retrenched from these projects;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to provide these workers some alternate jobs?

Answer

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

(a) The number of workers engaged in various ongoing major irrigation projects of Orissa as on 31st March, 2003, as reported by the Government Orissa, are given in the statement enclosed.

(b) & (c) The Government of Orissa has reported that at present no workers are being retrenched. However, prior to 31st March, 2003, 2342 work charged and 1291 Nominal Master Roll (NMR) workers were retrenched due to completion of major works and subsequent declaration of workers as surplus by the project authorities of Upper Kolab Project, Upper Indravati Irrigation Project and Subarnarekha Irrigation Project.

(d) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects including flood control are planned, investigated, funded, executed, operated and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities. The retrenched workers are being provided benefits/alternate jobs as per the policy of the State Governments.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1894 FOR ANSWER 15.12.2003 REGARDING RETRENCHMENT OF WORKERS FROM IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF ORISSA

Name of the Project No. of workers engaged Work Charged NMR
as on March 31, 2003

Balimela Dam Project	92	-	
Potteru Irrigation Project	128	44	
Upper Indravati Irrigation Project	83	177	
Upper Kolab	443	19	
Rengali dam Project	265	18	
Brahmani Left Basin	500	82	
Brahmani Right Basin	37	31	
Subarnarekh Irrigation Project	277	425	
Defunct DSARP (presently under RVN Basin)	69	48	
Upper Indravati Hydro-Electric Project	160	-	