

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3705  
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DESILTING OF RIVER BASINS IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for deepening, desilting and digging of Mahanadi, Daya and Birupa river basins in Orissa;
- (b) if so, whether any pilot project has been prepared;
- (c) if so, the estimated cost involved therein; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned for implementing the project?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) No such specific proposal has been received in Central Water Commission. However, the Government of Orissa has formulated a preliminary project report for Mahanadi Basin Development Plan at estimated cost of Rs. 3493.10 crore. This project includes, inter alia, dredging of various river mouths of the Mahanadi Basin for which there is a provision of Rs. 30.00 crore in the above project report.