

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN KBK DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Odisha has submitted a proposal for construction of major, medium and minor irrigation projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) in Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK) districts for approval;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof; and
- (c) the details of measures proposed by the Government to improve irrigation facilities in Odisha particularly in Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi districts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) In Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK) districts of Orissa, 8 Major/Medium (MMI) projects have been included in Accelerated irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) scheme, out of which 2 projects have since been completed and 6 are ongoing, also, 78 Surface Minor Irrigation projects have been included under AIBP. The details of MMI projects and Central Assistance released under AIBP is given at Annexure-I and that of MI projects are given at Annexure-II.

(c) The Government of India has been providing Central Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 in order to expedite completion of the projects. In order to enhance the scope of funding to allow special consideration for the regions lagging behind in development, which presently include KBK districts of Odisha, the Central Assistance @ 90% to the cost of works is provided.