

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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RENGALI IRRIGATION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Odisha has sent a fresh proposal for the early completion of the Rengali Irrigation Barrage Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the project has not been completed due to non-availability of funds; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken so far to avoid any further delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) & (b) On the request of State Government of Odisha, the ongoing Rengali Irrigation Project (Right Bank Canal) was included under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) of Government of India during 1996-97 and the project has received Central Assistance (CA) of Rs. 261.564 crore .

(c) & (d) Irrigation being a State subject, the planning, execution and maintenance of irrigation projects are carried out by State Governments as per their own priorities. One of the bottlenecks in the project is Stage-II Forest Clearance to be obtained by State Government of Odisha from Ministry of Environment & Forests.