

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FLOW OF WATER IN CANALS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is no flow of water in many canals of Odisha due to which farmers are facing a lot of difficulties in irrigation of their fields;
- (b) if so, the number of canals in Odisha with and without flow of water;
- (c) whether farmers are facing difficulties due to non-availability of water in the time of need; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) As reported by Odisha government, during kharif season, all canals in Odisha are fed with irrigation water and it has not come to the notice so far for any canal which does not have flow during kharif season in the State of Odisha in Major & Medium Irrigation Projects including Minor Irrigation projects which are mainly meant for supplying water for Khariff Irrigation. As regards, Rabi Irrigation, all the canals do not supply Rabi Irrigation to the farmers. Depending upon the rainfall and availability of water in the reservoir, Rabi Irrigation is decided in every year and accordingly water is supplied in those canals for the command area decided as per the Rabi Planning. Canals of 7 Nos. major irrigation projects and 38 medium irrigation projects have supplied irrigation water to the farmers during the Khariff season. In the current Rabi season, canals of 7 major irrigation projects and 19 medium irrigation projects are supplying irrigation water to the farmers limiting the ayacut as per the availability of water and rest 19 projects do not supply water to the farmers in the current rabi season due to non-availability of required quantum of water in the reservoir.

(c) & (d) As mentioned above, no such case of farmers has been noticed.