

(ii) Need to release funds for early completion of Lift Canal System

Of the Upper Indravati Irrigation Project in Kalahandi district of Orissa :

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): The Upper Indravati Project which is a multi-purpose irrigation cum hydro-power project is on the verge of completion, with a power generation capacity of 600 MW and irrigation to 1.2 lakh hectares through its three canal system of the Upper Indravati project namely the Lift canal system or third canal has not been taken up though the State Government had recommended for the same when a Central team had visited Kalahandi district to assess the starvation death and backwardness of the area. Therefore, I demand in this august House that funds may be provided for completion of the Lift Canal System in order to mitigate the suffering of the farmers of Kalahandi district.