

Title: Need to provide special grant to State Government fo Assam for providing adequate irrigation facilities in the State.

SHRI NEPAL CHANDRA DAS (KARIMGANJ): At present the irrigation system provided in Assam is in a very bad shape. In Assam, not even 15 per cent of land has been brought under irrigation and the position in Barak Valley is the worst where less than six per cent of land has been brought under irrigation. There are vast natural resources of water in Barak Valley which can cover most of the cultivable land by providing small irrigation schemes from natural water channels and lift irrigation from Barak, Katakhal, Langai rivers, etc. But nothing is being done for irrigation by tapping the natural resources. Though Assam is having sufficient cultivable land and rivers and Khals, the people of Assam are dependent upon other States for rice. I request the Central Government to provide a special grant for providing irrigation facilities to most of the suitable land in the State.