

Title: Need to invite overseas financial institutions to invest in the construction of last phase of Rengali Right Canal Project in Orissa.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Rengali Irrigation Project is planned to generate 250 Megawatt of energy and provide irrigation to 2.35 lakh hectares. This project was approved by Planning Commission and started in 1978. Dam, powerhouse, barrage and head regulators at Samal been completed. But the Rengali Right Canal with an ayacut of 76,641 hectares is yet to be initiated.

Though 79 kilometres of Rengali Right Canal has been constructed, the last leg, that is, from 79 kilometres to 95 kilometres and subsequently, Darpani and Narasinghpur Branch Canal are yet to be constructed because of paucity of funds.

As Rengali Left Canal upto 30 kilometres and Parjang distributory are funded by WRCP Project and the balance 30 kilometres to 142 kilometres is under the assistance from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, Japan, I would urge upon the Government to impress upon the Asian Development Bank and other Overseas agencies to invest in this Project which would benefit a large section of farming community living in three major districts of Orissa, namely, Dhankanal, Cuttack and Jajpur.