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Title : Need to allocate adequate funds for early completion of Kanpur Multi – purpose project in Orissa.

SHRIANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): The inordinate delay in the construction of Kanpur Multipurpose Project in Orissa has caused a great discontentment in the minds of the people of my Parliamentary Constituency, Keonjhar. When the project was sanctioned years ago, it was stated that it would be completed within a period of 7 years. But the project has not taken off so far.

The reasons are not far to seek. Besides showing indifferent attitude by the authority, allocation of fund made to this project has been very meagre. Whatever little amount is available for this project, has also been either diverted towards the construction staff quarters or misutilised.

The project is located in a traditionally drought prone area where majority of the farmers are small and marginal. The area is predominantly inhabited by tribal people. Once the project is completed it will change the whole scenario of the area. Besides providing irrigation facility it will generate electricity also.

As such, I request the Central Government to allocate funds as per revised estimate and complete the project expeditiously so that the poor farmers of my parliamentary constituency are benefited.