

Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Orissa for enabling early completion of the upper Indravati Multipurpose Hydro Power Project in Kalahandi district.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): Sir, the Upper Indravati Multipurpose Hydropower Project has the power generation capacity of 600 MW and irrigation potentiality of 1.2 lakh hectares through its three Canal Systems, namely – Left, Right, Extension and Lift Canal System. Though the Left and Right canals will be completed shortly, work on the lift-canal has not yet been started. It will irrigate the most drought-prone areas of the Kalahandi district, that is Koksara and Dharamgarh blocks. So, I request the hon. Minister and the Government to kindly grant funds from AIBP programme to expedite the project as Government of Orissa has taken initiative for completion of this canal system.