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Title: Need to release the funds allotted for various flagship schemes meant for Odisha.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Inadequate allocation for flagship schemes is hurting the development process of Odisha. This is affecting important plan schemes like Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. Such drastic reduction has adversely affected the liquidity position of Odisha Government and would seriously impact the implementation of various plans and programmes of Odisha Government for which expenditure commitment has been made.

Odisha has spent Rs. 1088.62 crore in 2012-13 and Rs. 967.57 crore in 2013- 14 for implementation of the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). Government of India have released only Rs. 38.24 crore in 2012-13 and Rs. 15.23 crore in 2013-14 against an allocation of Rs. 1036.66 Crore in 2012-13 and Rs. 850 crore allotted by the Planning Commission in 2013-15. Reimbursement claim approximately Rs. 970 crore under AIBP pertaining to the year 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 is pending.

Similarly under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana the shortfall is around Rs. 522 crore. There is also substantial shortfall in release in Central assistance for other flagship schemes like ICDS, RAMSA, RUSA, NRLM. I would urge upon the Government to release the funds urgently for which financial commitments were made.