

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. **3385**
TO BE ANSWERED ON **16.03.2021**

WATERSHED PROJECTS IN ODISHA

3385. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has any plan for sanctioning new Watershed Projects for Odisha which is predominantly a rainfed State;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether there is any provision of reconsideration for release of Central Assistance from the Union Government for smooth completion of 76 IWMP Watershed Projects; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

- (a) to (d): Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development was implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) for development of rainfed and degraded areas since 2009-10. Subsequently IWMP was amalgamated as a Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) in 2015-16 and it was decided to focus on completion of all ongoing projects. Accordingly Government of Odisha, like other States, has been given requisite grants for completion of all ongoing projects. Since the Government is focusing on completion of all on-going projects, no new projects have been sanctioned under WDC-PMKSY since 2015-16.

In Odisha, 310 watershed development projects were sanctioned under WDC-PMKSY (erstwhile IWMP) during 2009-10 to 2014-15 covering an area of 17 lakh ha at a total cost of Rs. 2191.50 crore. So far, an amount of Rs. 1089.17 crore has already been released as Central share to Government of Odisha. Out of 310 sanctioned projects, as decided by the Government based on the performance of the projects, 76 preparatory phase projects were transferred to State on 01.08.2018 with a request to implement them with State budget.

As on 01.03.2021, out of balance 234 projects being funded by DoLR, 195 projects have been reported completed and 39 projects are in Works Phase. As per the information received from the State, as on 01.03.2021, Rs. 16.71 crore unspent balance is available for implementation of all ongoing projects.