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**Project Agreement for Orissa between IDA and Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project**

1490. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa has been able to maintain the full cost recovery as provided under scheduled 2 C (Implementation Programme) of the Project Agreement for Orissa between I.D.A. and Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) As per the schedule of the implementing programme of project agreement between International Development Agency (IDA) and the State Government of Orissa dated 5th January, 1996 for the Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project, the State Government was to take all necessary measures to achieve recovery from users of the full cost of operations and maintenance of the combined water sector by March 31, 2000.

The overall cost recovery by the State Government in the sector in 2000-2001 was about one-third of operation & maintenance expenditure.

**Completion of Irrigation Projects in Assam**

1491. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects of Assam which have not been completed;

(b) the dates on which these projects were started and by when the above projects are likely to be completed;

(c) the reasons for delay; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?