

the Cabinet in its meeting held on 02.11.2007 in order to provide financial assistance to the State Governments. Further, Central Water Commission is monitoring storage position of 81 important reservoirs of the country and issues the weekly bulletin to various users Govt. organizations. A high level advisory Group namely "Crop Weather Watch Group" under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Deptt. Of Agriculture and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture also monitors on a weekly basis the storage position of these 81 reservoirs and use the information given in the bulletin for advising state authorities for Crop planning strategies required on a National perspective such as identifying early signs of distress and enabled timely preventive action to mitigate the severity of drought and other serious agriculture Crisis. Ministry of Home Affairs also provides central support to the states towards immediate relief in the wake of natural calamities including drought and floods under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).

Irrigation projects through ADB loan in Odisha

2279. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Odisha has submitted proposals for irrigation projects for accelerating irrigation with Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan;
- (b) if so, the projects which are proposed for ADB loan; and
- (c) the amount of assistance sought by State Government and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Odisha has submitted the proposal of Orissa Integrated and Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Project (OIIA WMIP). The project will be taken up in eight years, from 2009 to 2017 in 4 tranches.

(c) The amount of assistance sought by the State Government is follows:

ADB Loan - US\$157.5 Million

OPEC Fund for international Development (OFID) Loan-US \$ 30.0 Million The State Govt. Share is US \$ 73.0 Million, the beneficiary contribution is US \$ 7.20 Million and the cost of the project is at US\$ 267.7 Million.

The loan agreement for tranche-1 has been signed and the same is under implementation.

Water conservation and management

2280. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total requirement of water for various purposes in the country in comparison to the total availability of water, State-wise;