

Allocation of fund to Andhra Pradesh for micro irrigation

1838. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated more money for micro irrigation in Andhra Pradesh during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT) : (a) and (b) The details of allocation and release under centrally sponsored scheme National Mission on micro irrigation in respect of Andhra Pradesh for the Eleventh Plan and Twelfth Plan period (during 2012-13) are as under:—

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crore)	Release (Rs. in crore)
2007-08	148.66	57.48
2008-09	149.32	97.27
2009-10	168.32	143.11
2010-11	240.00	240.00
2011-12	287.20	287.00
2012-13	295.00	195.84 (till 30.11.2012)

Construction of reservoirs in North Bihar

1839. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts are being undertaken for long-term measures like construction of reservoirs in upper catchment areas of North Bihar rivers with the cooperation of Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any other measures are being considered by Government to improve the situation and flood vulnerability in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After exchange of letter of Understanding between the two Governments in June' 2004, a Joint Project Office (JPO) was set up in August' 2004 to undertake detailed field investigations for preparation of DPR of Sapta Kosi High Dam Project at Barakshetra, in Nepal. The field investigations include the field works of Sunkosi diversion scheme (constructing a dam at Kurule so that the Sunkosi water could be diverted to the Kamla basin through a tunnel) in the scope of work of JPO. In Kamla basin, a dam coupled with a barrage was envisaged and included in the scope of study by the JPO. Due to local problems, the field investigations are delayed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

- (d) (i) During XI Plan period, central assistance of Rs 680.8 crores was provided to Bihar for river management, flood control, anti-erosion, drainage developments and restoration of damaged flood management works under a State sector scheme, namely, "Flood Management Programme (FMP)". The Working Group on Flood Management and Region Specific Issues for XII Plan constituted by Planning Commission has recommended continuation of FMP during XII Plan.
- (ii) The embankments along Bagmati, Kamla, Lalbakeya and Khando rivers are being strengthened on Indian side and extended from India Nepal border to high ground in Nepal to prevent spilling of flood water from Nepal side in protected area in Bihar.
- (iii) Expenditure by Government of Bihar on maintenance of flood protection works for protection works in Nepal portion of Kosi river is fully reimbursed by Government of India.
- (iv) Basin-wise comprehensive Plans for flood management has been sent to Government of Bihar for taking up follow up actions on both long-term and short-term measures.