

- A meeting of the State Ministers of Water Resources and Water Supply was held on 11th June 2019 chaired by the Minister of Jal Shakti in which comprehensive review of the activities taken up by the States for addressing the concerns arising out of the current situation were reviewed.
  - The Hon'ble PM has personally addressed a letters to all sarpanches in the country motivating them to take up water conservation activities like de-silting and cleaning of water bodies, rain water harvesting etc with people participation.
- (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

**Financial assistance for flood control project in West Bengal**

1024. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Kaliaghai-Kapaleswari-Baghai river excavation and Flood Control Project for which the Central Government has given financial assistance of ₹650 crore to West Bengal in financial year 2010-11 in the cost sharing ratio of 75:25;
- (b) the amount of funds spent on it till date; and
- (c) the amount of funds given by the Central Government and how much money has been given by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) The estimated cost of Kaliaghai-Kapaleshwari-Baghai scheme is ₹650.38 crore. The techno-economic clearance for this scheme was accorded by Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) on 19.01.2010. The scheme was accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Project of Ministry of Water Resources in its 102nd meeting on 23.01.2010. The Planning Commission accorded investment clearance to the scheme in March, 2010. However, the Empowered Committee of MoWR, RD & GR on Flood Management Programme (FMP) in its 6th meeting dated 12.7.2010 had approved the inclusion of its 1st Phase of the scheme for the estimated cost of ₹325.20 crore only for works to be executed by State Government during XI Plan. The funding pattern of the project is 50%: 50% (Central Share: State Share) as per Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance letter dated 28.10.2015.

State Government of West Bengal has informed that out of 140.99 Km of major river excavation (river Kaliaghai-Kapleshwari-Baghai, Deuli and Chandia) 139.00 Km has been completed till May, 2019. The embankment on both sides of the aforesaid river stretches

have been raised and strengthened. Drainage channels of total length of 175.00 Km have been de-silted. Construction of all the 3 bridges, across river Chandia at Sridharpur, Ejmalichak and Chandipur has also been completed. As per Monitoring Report of visit of GFCC to the scheme, more than 90% of the works of the scheme have been completed.

(b) and (c) So far ₹ 170.273 crore has been released by this Ministry in five installments as central share to Kaliaghai-Kapaleshwari-Baghai Project under Flood Management Programme. As informed by State Government of West Bengal, the total expenditure incurred in the scheme up to May, 2019 amounts to ₹ 348.01 crores.

#### **Fluoride affected habitations in Andhra Pradesh**

1025. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHARAO: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fluoride affected habitations and population in Andhra Pradesh, details district-wise;

(b) the amount of fund sought and received by Andhra Pradesh Government under National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) scheme of National Drinking Water Programme to tackle the Fluoride problem;

(c) the details of number of Fluoride affected habitations and population now, as compared to three years ago, year-wise, district-wise;

(d) steps required by the Andhra Pradesh Government to tackle this Fluoride problem and ensure good quality water supply to people of affected habitations; and

(e) whether Government has made any such suggestions so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) The district wise Fluoride affected habitations and population as reported by Government of Andhra Pradesh on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation is placed in Statement-I (See below).

(b) An amount of eligible Central Share *i.e.* 25.74 crore has been released against the proposals received for coverage of Fluoride affected habitations under National Water Quality Sub Mission (NWQSM) under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to Government of Andhra Pradesh as per guidelines.

(c) The year-wise, district-wise details of number of Fluoride affected habitations and population as reported by Govt, of Andhra Pradesh on the IMIS of DDWS is placed in Statement-II.