

Keleghai-Kapaleswari-Baghai river excavation and flood control project

882. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state whether Government has stopped its share of funding in the largest project of Keleghai-Kapaleswari-Baghai river excavation and flood control project in West Bengal, in the district of Paschim Medinipur and Purva Medinipur, resulting in a stalemate situation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): Kaliaghai-Kapaleshwari-Baghai Scheme of West Bengal was accorded investment clearance by the erstwhile Planning Commission in March 2010 for execution in State Plan at an estimated cost of ₹650.38 crore. 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 was included under Flood Management Programme (FMP) in July 2010 and Central Assistance has been provided to the scheme as per extant guidelines. The funding pattern of the project was initially 75%: 25% (Central Share: State Share) and subsequently revised to 50%: 50% (Central Share: State Share) as per Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance letter dated 28.10.2015. Central Assistance of ₹170.273 crore has been released by this Ministry in five installments as central share to Kaliaghai-Kapaleshwari-Baghai Scheme under FMP. 1st Phase of the scheme with an estimated cost of ₹325.20 crore as included under FMP has been completed as per the progress submitted by State Government of West Bengal.

Access to piped drinking water

883. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people in the country having access to piped drinking water in Financial Year (FY) 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20; and

(b) the details of the number of people having access to drinking water in the said period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) As reported by the States/ UTs, total number of people in the country having access to piped drinking water in Financial Year (FY) 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 is as under:—