

**Demand to revise the Central share of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) projects as per 2016 prices to reduce the financial burden on States**

SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA (Odisha): Sir, eight major and medium irrigation projects, earlier funded under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Scheme, have now been identified for completion by 2019 under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). However, the Ministry of Water Resources has approved the cost estimate of these projects as on 1st April, 2012 with 20 per cent price escalation for determination of the Grant Component. At 2016 prices, the revised estimates of these eight projects identified for completion is much higher. If this is taken into account, the State will have to effectively bear about 75 per cent of the revised cost including the cost of establishment from State share instead of 40 per cent as envisaged under the scheme. Recently, the Government of India has approved the cost estimate of these projects at 2016 prices for sanction of loan from Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF) to finance the State share. However, the Central share has not been revised and kept at the 1st April, 2012 price with 20 per cent price escalation. My request is, the Government of India should revise the Central share at the 2016 prices and finance the Central share of the projects as per 2016 prices including the cost of establishment so as to lessen the financial burden of the State.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

श्री सभापति: सुश्री सरोज पाण्डेय। अभी ज़ीरो ऑवर में कुछ समय बचा है। आप बोलिए।

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सुश्री सरोज पाण्डेय (छत्तीसगढ़): सभापति जी, मैं जिस विषय को उठाना चाहती हूँ, वह विषय पूरे देश के लिए बहुत ज्वलंत विषय है। हमारे देश में भौगोलिक दृष्टि से, आर्थिक दृष्टि से, सामाजिक दृष्टि से बहुत सारी संस्कृतियां हैं। हम इन सभी संस्कृतियों को अपने आप में समेट कर ही देश को आगे बढ़ाते हैं। हमारी संस्कृति बहुत समृद्धशाली है, लेकिन मैं इस विषय पर कहना चाहती हूँ कि हमारे देश में लोकतांत्रिक परम्परा है। इस लोकतांत्रिक परम्परा को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए हर वर्ष कई राज्यों में चुनाव होते हैं, देश में चुनाव होता है और हम इसे एक