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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1833
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th February, 2025

AGRO PRODUCTIVITY AND IRRIGATION CAPACITY

1833. SMT. KRISHNA DEVI SHIVSHANKAR PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is implementing any special project to augement agro productivity and irrigation capacity in Bundelkhand area; and
(b) if so, the details of the progress made in Banda and Chitrakoot districts of Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation is implementing Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in the country including Bundelkhand area with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation. Under PMKSY- AIBP (Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme) component, four irrigation projects namely Singhpur, Sindh Phase II, Barriyarpur LBC and Arjun Sahayak are being implemented in Bundelkhand area. The Arjun Sahayak Project which is benefitting different Districts including Banda has created 57.64 thousand hectares of irrigation potential.

Further, Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP)-Repair, Renovation & Restoration of Water Bodies (RRR) component of PMKSY is also under implementation in Bundelkhand area. 20 no. of RRR- Water Bodies schemes including three schemes of Banda District have been implemented in districts of Jhansi, Mahoba, Banda and Lalitpur creating 2.35 thousand hectares irrigation potential.

A project "Ken-Betwa Interlinking Project" has also been undertaken benefitting Bundelkhand area, having target of irrigation potential of 2.51 lakh hectares in the districts of Banda, Mahoba, Jhansi and Lalitpur in Uttar Pradesh.

Besides, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) in the Country including Bundelkhand area from the year 2015-16. The scheme focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation, namely, Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation systems. From 2015-16 till date, an area of 2.50 lakh ha has been covered under Micro Irrigation through PDMC in Bundelkhand area including 28571 ha in Banda District and 25725 ha in Chitrakoot District.

For enhancing and sustainability of the agricultural productivity and production, Government of India is implementing various Centrally sponsored and Central sector Schemes through State Governments such as National Food Security and Nutrition Mission, National Mission on Pulses, Soil Health Card, Seed Village Programme, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Mission on Oilseeds, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Material, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization and Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms in the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh. However, District-wise information on progress of the schemes is not maintained at Central level.
