

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN SCHEDULED AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any irrigation projects falling under scheduled areas in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) Irrigation being a State subject the irrigation projects are planned formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities. Project proposals submitted by the State Governments are techno-economically appraised by the Central Water Commission before they are accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources. The investment approval to the project proposal is given by the Planning Commission thereafter.

However, one major project namely, Potteru Irrigation Project falling in the Schedule area of Malkangiri district, Orissa was centrally sponsored and was taken up by the Government of Orissa as a part of Potteru Irrigation-cum resettlement scheme for the refugees from erstwhile East Pakistan. It envisages construction of a barrage at Surlikonda across the river Potteru about 2 kilometre downstream of the confluence of Balimela Tail Race Channel with the Potteru river to irrigate culturable command area of 61.03 thousand hectare(th. ha). The project was originally approved for Rs.14.81 crore in 1973 and the latest estimated cost of the project as a whole is Rs.198.07 crore. The total expenditure incurred upto March, 2004 is Rs.201.72 crore and the irrigation potential created upto March, 2004 is about 64.59 th ha. The project is scheduled for completion during Tenth Five Year Plan.