

Title : Regarding the need to release funds for early completion of all the pending irrigation projects in Purulia district, West Bengal.

SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO (PURULIA): Purulia is a drought prone and one of the backward districts of West Bengal. It is also non-industrial district. 90% of the population depend on agriculture. Only 30% of the agricultural land have the irrigation facility. Drought situation prevails almost every year. The major irrigation projects are incomplete and pending for a long time due to non release of funds by the Union Government. The UPA Govt. has promised in the Common Minimum Programme that all the pending irrigation projects will be completed.

I would therefore, urge upon the Central Government to release necessary funds to complete all the pending irrigation project in the district of Purulia.