

KOSI-MECHI RIVER LINK PROJECT

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved inclusion of Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project of Bihar under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana - Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) of Ministry of Jal Shakti, on 28th March, 2025. The project envisages remodelling of existing Eastern Kosi Main Canal (EKMC) from RD 0.00 km to RD 41.30 km and extending the EKMC beyond its tail end at RD 41.30 km up to river Mechi at RD 117.50 km.

The timeline for completion of Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project is March, 2029.

The total estimated cost of the project is ₹6,282.32 crore with Central Share of ₹3,652.56 crore. Upon completion, the project is expected to provide irrigation facilities to a total of 2.15 lakh hectare area in Araria, Purnea, Kishanganj & Katihar districts of Bihar. In addition, the project will also contribute to flood mitigation.

This information was provided by THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI **SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY** in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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