

Regarding need to expedite implementation of In-stream Storage Structure (ISS) on Mahanadi River near Godhaneswar village in Subarnapur district, Odisha-Laid

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wish to draw attention of the Government towards a matter of urgent public importance regarding the early implementation of the Godhaneswar In-Stream Storage Structure (ISS) across the Mahanadi River near Godhaneswar village in Birmaharajpur Block of Subarnapur district. As per the DPR, the project with an estimated cost of ₹1024.81 crore is expected to benefit nearly 1.78 lakh people in 30 villages of Birmaharajpur Block and 22 villages of Boudh district. The project will significantly strengthen irrigation facilities, improve drinking water availability, promote fisheries, and create new opportunities for tourism in the lower reaches of the Mahanadi basin. After completion of this project, water will be available in the stretches of the Mahanadi River and Tel River for nearly 10 kilometres even during the summer season, which will greatly benefit the people of Birmaharajpur Block, Ulunda Block, Sonapur Block and Sonapur Municipality. However, despite its importance, the earlier tender process initiated before the elections was cancelled and the project has remained pending. I therefore urge the Government to expedite the finalization of the revised DPR and initiate the tender process at the earliest, so that this vital project can be implemented without further delay for the benefit of the people of the region.

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