

Brief Note on M.C.I.I Project

Mahanadi – Chitrotpala Island Irrigation Project is a Major Irrigation Project situated in the densely populated deltaic region of Mahanadi River (i.e in the district of Cuttack , Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur) where the people primarily depend on agriculture. The project was approved during May 1989 by the Planning Commission for Rs. 39.94 Crores for providing irrigation to 19542 ha. of Cultivable Command Area (CCA) in the island bounded by the Mahanadi-Chitrotpala & Mahanadi-Paika rivers. The works were started in 1988-89 under State-Plan. After revision of the project cost to Rs.93.07 Crores as per the price level of 1991, expenditure of Rs.45.81 Crores was incurred on the Project till 1995-96. Then the Project was included under Orissa water Resources Consolidation Project (OWRCP- World Bank Funding Project) in September 1995 for completion at an estimated cost of Rs.124.72 Crores by March 2003 with reduced scope of 15342 ha. of CCA by eliminating 4200 ha. pertaining to water logged areas. But due to closure of World Bank Funding as well as lack of budget provision under the State-Plan, the Project remained incomplete since 2003-04. It has been reported that 7287 ha. of land have been provided irrigation as against the object of providing irrigation to the reduced CCA of 15342 ha.

Now the project is restarted at an gross Estimated Cost of Rs.395.46 Crores (including the previous expenditure of Rs.221.01 Crores made during OWRCP) with Asian Development Bank (ADB) Assisted Orissa Integrated irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Programme (O.I.I.A.W.M.I.P) for completion of leftover works of the project by end of 2014 to achieve the objective of providing assured irrigation to 15342 ha.

Therefore taking in to account of the above stated reasons, the exact status and progress of implementation of the project may please be treated as “ In Progress”.