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### Quick Facts

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| **Countries** | India |
| **Financial Institutions** | Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), World Bank (WB) |
| **Status** | Approved |
| **Bank Risk Rating** | A |
| **Voting Date** | 2019-12-12 |
| **Borrower** | Republic of India |
| **Sectors** | Water and Sanitation |
| **Investment Type(s)** | Loan |
| **Investment Amount (USD)** | $ 145.00 million |
| **Loan Amount (USD)** | $ 145.00 million |
| **Project Cost (USD)** | $ 413.00 million |

## Project Description

The project aims to optimize the joint use of surface and ground water for agriculture and reduce flooding. It hopes to improve irrigation and agriculture in the Damodar Valley Command Area and reduce flooding in the Lower Damodar subbasin area.

The project consists of the following four components:

**1) Irrigation Modernization.** The investment would include: (i) improving water conveyance and allocation and increasing storage potential; and (ii) strengthening institutions that are responsible for irrigation management.

**2) Water Resources Management.** The investment would mitigate flooding hotspots by carrying out channel desilting works, flow regulation structure modification and embankment reconstruction at key locations. In close collaboration with the World Bank-funded Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project, the investment would also include measures to strengthen forecasting and analysis capability to improve dam operation and water storage management in upstream reservoirs.

**3) Command Area Development.** This component includes infrastructure development, capacity strengthening, and institutional reforms for improving irrigation at tertiary command level.

**4) Project Management and Institutional Development.** This component would support strengthening of the capacity for project management of both the IWD and the Project Management Unit on financial management, procurement, etc.

The World Bank will be the lead co-financier of this project and its environmental and social safeguard policies will apply.

The expected project implementation period is September 2018 – September 2025.

## Investment Description

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- World Bank (WB)

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## Bank Documents

- Project Summary [Original Source]
- Project Summary Information (21 March 2019)