

[English]

Irrigation Potential

* 177. SHRI SOBHANADRESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest estimated irrigation potential created through major, medium and minor irrigation schemes;

(b) the irrigation potential already created at the end 1991-92 and is being utilised;

(c) the steps taken to utilise the unutilised potential created already;

(d) the amount needed for this purpose; and

(e) the shares of the Union and State Governments in financing the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (e). The anticipated Irrigation potential created and utilised at the end of 1991-92 is as under:

(In million hectares)

	Potential	Utilisation
Major and Medium	31.2	26.9
Mino	50.8	47.1
Total:	82.0	74.0

Command Area Development Programme has been taken up since 1974-75 as a Centrally-sponsored scheme in selected major and medium projects to reduce the gap in utilisation of Irrigation potential created. The other steps taken for reducing the gap inter-alia include adoption of improved water management practices and re-appraisal of Irrigation potential created to correct the over-reporting by States.

Creation of potential and utilisation is a continuous process requiring regular recurring expenditure on Command Area Development to keep the gap to a minimum level. The outlay proposed for Command Area Development Programme for 8th plan in Central and State Sector are Rs. 830 crores and Rs. 1639.84 crores respectively.

Thermal Power Plants in Orissa

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up some more thermal power plants in Orissa;

(b) if so, the places where these plants are proposed to be set up with the estimate cost of each; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the commissioning of these plants during the Eighth Plan?

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