

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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AUGMENTATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to focus more on natural resources like land and water in agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of irrigated land in the country;
- (d) whether drawal of ground water in huge quantity is required for irrigation of new high yield crops in various parts of the country;
- (e) if so, whether there is any scheme to provide the additional means of irrigation for such areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) & (b) Formulation of schemes for development of land and water resources comes under the purview of the State Government. However, the National Common Minimum Programme of UPA Government has laid due emphasis on these issues. The Ministry of Water Resources has formulated a pilot scheme on "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" with a plan outlay of Rs. 300 crore for Tenth Five Year Plan. The scheme has been approved in January 2005.
- (c) As per Land Use Statistics brought out by the Ministry of Agriculture the Net irrigated Area is about 39.6% of the Net Sown Area.
- (d) Drawal of huge quantity of ground water is not necessarily required for irrigation of new high yield crops.
- (e) & (f) Do not arise.