

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN IRRIGATION SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enhance public investment in irrigation sector;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the names of projects in which the Government has decided public investments in various States; and
- (d) the response received by the State Governments so far in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Government of India has laid due emphasis on the Irrigation Sector. The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) states that 'UPA Government will ensure that public investment in irrigation is stepped up in a significant manner at the very earliest'. The NCMP further states that 'Irrigation will receive the highest investment priority and all on-going projects will be completed according to strict time schedule'. An outlay of Rs.2,32,311 crore has been provided for the irrigation, command area development & water management and flood control in the XI Plan against the X Plan outlay of Rs.95,743 crore.

(c) & (d) Water being a State subject, the projects for irrigation development are conceived, planned and implemented by the State Government as per their own priority. The States submit the proposals for seeking central assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP).