

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the irrigation capacity of big and medium Irrigation Projects in the country alongwith the details of areas irrigated thereby, State-wise;
- (b) the number of pending Irrigation Projects in the country alongwith the estimated time of completion of the said projects;
- (c) the number of foreign-aided Irrigation Projects in Rajasthan;
- (d) the targets for completion of the said projects alongwith the percentage progress made therein; and
- (e) the area of land likely to be irrigated under the present and proposed Irrigation Projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): Ultimate Irrigation Potential of major medium irrigation sector in the country is 58.47 million hectares, out of which 42.77 million hectares has been anticipated to be created by the end of Xth Plan. The details of state-wise achievement in Irrigation Potential Creation/Utilisation through Major and Medium Irrigation Projects is given in Annexure-I

(b): The State-wise number of ongoing irrigation projects in the country is given in Annexure-II. The average time taken for execution of major project is 10 to 15 years and that for medium irrigation projects 5 to 8 years. Accordingly, the major projects started during or before 1992 and medium projects started during or before VIIIth Plan which have been continuing as ongoing in the Xth Plan and can be considered as delayed projects. The statement at Annexure-III is the break up of such ongoing delayed projects. Irrigation is a state subject and the projects are implemented by the respective states according to their own priority which also depends on availability of funds and other resources.

(c) to (e): Government of Rajasthan is implementing Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring project with the assistance of World Bank. The project envisages rehabilitation of 90 (7 major, 37 medium and 46 minor) schemes covering an area of 6.2 lakh ha and other allied activities. The Project also restores irrigation in an area of 95,670 ha. Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring project was accepted by Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in its meeting held on 29.3.2001 at an estimated cost of Rs.749.59 crore. During December 2007, Government of Rajasthan proposed for inclusion of renovation work in Chambal canal system in Rajasthan territory in the ongoing Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring project. Chambal Right Canal system was not covered in the original project proposal accepted by TAC. Central Water Commission had requested Government of Rajasthan to make available Chambal Canal Project of TAC acceptance. Rajasthan Minor Irrigation Improvement Project with support from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Japan with closing date on 31st March, 2013 is also implemented.

Now a project report on Renovation Rehabilitation of Chambal Right Main Canal (Km 00 To Km 124.00) including distribution system costing Rs.383.79 crore off taking from Kota Barrage has been received in CWC on 28.04.08 for examination.