

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:90
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2010
IRRIGATION THROUGH CANALS AND TANKS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of cultivable land in the country and the area which has access to irrigation facility;
- (b) the details of the budgetary outlay and the irrigation potential created during the past three years, year-wise and Statewise;
- (c) whether irrigation through canals and tanks has marked a decline in terms of the absolute area covered during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.90 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 3.3.2010 REGARDING IRRIGATION THROUGH CANALS AND TANKS

(a) As per information provided by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, the total cultivable area and the net irrigated area have been assessed to be about 182.4 million hectares (Mha) and 62.3 Mha respectively for the year 2007-08.

(b) State-wise details of plan outlay for Major and Medium Irrigation, Minor Irrigation and Command Area Development Sectors for the last three years are at Annex -I. State-wise details of irrigation potential created during the last three years are at Annex-II. Irrigation potential through canals and tanks has increased during the above said period.

(c) to (e) The cumulative irrigation potential created through canals and tanks upto the years 2006-07, 2007-08 & 2008-09 have been reported to be 56.6 Mha, 57.8 Mha and 59.3 Mha respectively. There is no specific report from the State Governments about decline in irrigation through canals and tanks in terms of absolute area during the above said period.