

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION THROUGH TUBEWELLS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of tubewells in the country and their irrigation potential and success achieved as a result thereof;
- (b) the total number of tubewells which are inoperative and the quantum of land which remained un-irrigated as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme to make these tubewells operative and install more number of tubewells for the benefit of marginal farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) As per third minor irrigation census (2000-2001), the number of tubewells in the country is about 88.9 lakh. The potential created through tubewells in use is 394.7 lakh hectare. About 3.10 lakh tubewells are reported as not in use. The irrigation potential lost due to inoperative tubewells has been estimated to be about 15.0 lakh hectare.

(c) & (d) There is no approved Central Government scheme for making the tubewells in disuse operational or to promote installation of tubewells for the benefit of marginal farmers.