

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2230  
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IRRIGATION UNDER BHARAT NIRMAN YOJANA  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the target for irrigation under Bharat Nirman Yojana in Bihar State;
- (b) the time schedule fixed for the completion of the projects under this scheme in the State;
- (c) the status of these projects; and
- (d) the budget allocated for these projects?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (d): The total target for creation of irrigation potential for Bihar during Bharat Nirman period from 2005-06 to 2008-09 was 1699.79 thousand hectares. As per the information provided by the Government of Bihar, irrigation potential of 526.751 thousand hectare has been created during the period for 2005-06 to 2008-09. Irrigation being a State subject, State Governments are primarily responsible for funding the irrigation projects. However, during Bharat Nirman period 2005-09, Central assistance through Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme amounting to Rs 191.4109 cr was released to Bihar for five Major and Medium Irrigation projects and sixty Minor Irrigation schemes. Also under the pilot scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of water bodies' scheme, Central assistance of Rs 1.3995 cr was released for one water body in Nalanda District and for five water bodies in Jamui District.