

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN TRIBAL AND BACKWARD AREAS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any study on irrigation facilities in tribal and backward districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide irrigation facilities in tribal and backward areas alongwith the irrigation projects undertaken in such areas; and
- (d) the funds allocation under various schemes for irrigation projects in tribal and backward areas, State-wise, including Orissa and Gujarat?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) No specific study in respect of irrigation in tribal and backward districts in the country has been undertaken by the Ministry of Water Resources. However, as per the report of the Working Group on Water Resources for the XI Five Year Plan, in the beginning of X Plan, 99 Major and 148 medium projects envisaged benefits in the tribal districts.
- (c) The schemes for irrigation development and management are conceived, planned and implemented by the respective State Governments as per their own priority. However, Government of India provides assistance for creation of irrigation facilities under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Repair, Renovation and Restroration (RRR) of Water Bodies and Command Area Development & Water Management (CAD&WM).
- (d) Project wise allocations are not made. Central assistance is released to States under various schemes as per the guidelines of the respective schemes in respect of proposals submitted by the States.