

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:572
ANSWERED ON:08.07.2009
IRRIGATION SCHEMES IN THE COUNTRY
Rawat Shri Ashok Kumar

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the irrigation schemes that are being implemented in the country specially in rural areas, as on date;
- (b) the details of the irrigation capacity State-wise;
- (c) the details of the steps taken to enhance irrigation capacity State-wise;
- (d) the details of the total drought area which is proposed to be covered under irrigation by the end of the current Five Year Plan, State-wise; and
- (e) the targets fixed in the current Five Year Plan for total irrigation capacity in the country, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) There are at present, 553 projects (182 major, 273 medium and 98 ERM) ongoing in XI Plan.
- (b) As per available information, Ultimate Irrigation Potential through Major and Medium Irrigation Sector is 58.465 mha. State-wise break-up of Ultimate Irrigation Potential is given at Annex-I.
- (c) Irrigation being a state subject, planning, execution and operation and maintenance of irrigation projects are carried out by the State Government from their own resources as per their own requirement and priority of works. Considering fund constraints as the one of the major bottlenecks, the Central Government has been providing Central Assistance under Accelerating Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97. The guidelines for such funding are being liberalized from time to time in order to widen the scope of funding as well to allow special consideration for the region lagging behind in irrigation development, which presently include north-eastern states, hilly states, drought prone and tribal area, K.B.K districts of Orissa, States with lower irrigation development as compared to national average and districts identified under PM package for agrarian distressed districts.
- (d) As the irrigation is a state subject, planning and execution of the irrigation projects is within the purview of the concerned state governments depending on their own priority. As per available information, there are 355 ongoing projects which benefits drought prone as well as drought prone & tribal areas. The ultimate irrigation potential of these projects is 16227.30 th. Ha. of which, irrigation potential of 7073.97 th. Ha. is anticipated to have been created by the end of Xth Five Year Plan.
- (e) The Working Group on Water Resources for XI Five Year Plan has recommended a consolidated target of 9 mha of potential creation for the country through MMI sector during XI Five Year Plan.