

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION PROGRAMME FOR TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated/proposes to formulate special programme for irrigation in tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for providing irrigation facilities to the forest land allocated to tribal farmers; and
- (d) the funds allocated and granted in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of Water Resources has not formulated any special programme for irrigation in tribal areas. However central assistance is provided to State Governments for completion of ongoing major and medium irrigation schemes under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). Central assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme is also provided for surface minor irrigation schemes (both new as well as ongoing) of States of north east, hilly States and drought prone KBK districts of Orissa. For non-special category States, minor irrigation schemes which serve tribal areas and drought prone areas are also provided assistance under AIBP as per approved guidelines. The central assistance of 90% of the project cost is provided as grant for projects benefiting tribal areas.

There is also another Scheme namely 'Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies' for which central assistance is provided to State Governments. Under this Scheme, the projects benefiting tribal areas receive central assistance to the extent of 90% of the project cost.