

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:58
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2011
EXPANSION OF IRRIGATED LAND AREA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of irrigated land area to the total area of cultivable land in the country at present;
- (b) the expansion/growth in irrigated land area during the last three years;and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to expand the area of irrigated land?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION No.58 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.2.2011 REGARDING EXPANSION OF IRRIGATED LAND AREA.

(a) As per the information received from the State Governments, 77.34% (108.21 million hectares) of the total Ultimate Irrigation Potential of 139.9 million hectares in the country has already been created at the end of 2009-10. Also 84.90% (87.2 million hectares) of this created irrigation potential is reported to be utilised by the States by the end of X Plan.

(b) During last three years i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10, the irrigation potential of 1.73 million hectares, 1.93 million hectares and 1.85 million hectares respectively has been reported to be created by the State Governments.

(c) Water being a State subject, planning and implementation of Water Resources projects are undertaken by respective State Governments. However, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments with a view to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programme. Central grant is provided to States under various schemes / programmes of Ministry of Water Resources namely "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme", "Command Area Development and Water Management Programme" and "Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies". There has been increase of 142.64% in the allocation for these schemes from ₹. 95,743 crores during X Plan to ₹. 2,32,311 crores during XI Plan.