

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2422  
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ACCELERATED IRRIGATION BENEFITS PROGRAMME  
Singh Rajkumari Ratna

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the financial aid provided to various States under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP);
- (b) whether the Government assessed the newly added irrigation potential through AIBP assisted minor and major projects across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the progress made so far in implementation of Command Area Development and Water Management (CAD & WM) across the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Total central assistance amounting to Rs.45399.068 crore has so far been provided under AIBP to various States.
- (b) Yes Madam,
- (c) Irrigation potential of 6.922 million hectares has been created under AIBP up to March 2010 through major/medium/Extension Renovation & Modernization projects and surface water minor irrigation schemes.
- (d) From the inception of the programme in 1974-75 till March 2010, an area of about 19.27 Mha (Provisional) has been benefited through Command Area Development (Renamed as CAD&WR from April, 2004 onwards) .Details of central assistance released to the States are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

1. Central assistance released up to 10th Plan	Rs.3250.96
2. Expenditure during 2007-08	Rs. 277.14
3. Expenditure during 2008-09	Rs. 324.29
4. Expenditure during 2009-10	Rs. 413.70
5. Budget Estimate 2010-11	Rs. 499.00
6. Central assistance released till date	Rs. 346.55

Since inception, total central assistance of Rs.4266.09 crore has been released to States till March 2010.