

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION UNDER BHARAT NIRMAN PROGRAMME

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

(a) the targets set to bring the area of land under irrigation under the Bharat Nirman programme in various States alongwith the targets achieved during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the details of the major/medium/minor projects taken up under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in various States during the above period and the status thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Creation of irrigation potential of 10 million hectares was targeted under Bharat Nirman during the four years i.e., during the period from 2005-06 to 2008-09. Further, creation of 3.5 million hectare of irrigation potential has been targeted under Bharat Nirman in the next two years i.e., 1.75 million hectare each during 2009-10 and 2010-11.

As per the information received from the State Governments, irrigation potential of 1.93 million hectare and 1.85 million hectare has been created during the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively. During the year 2010-11, creation of 0.81 million hectare of irrigation potential has so far been reported by the States, the information is still awaited from few States.

(b) Water being a State subject, Planning and implementation of water resources projects are undertaken by respective State Governments as per their own priorities. However, central assistance is provided to the States for early completion of the projects. The details of the major/medium/minor projects taken up under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in various States during the above period and the status thereof is annexed.