

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4458  
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PROVISION OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION  
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has set any target to irrigate an additional 16 million hectares in the country in the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per the recommendation of the working Group on Water Resources for XIth Five Year Plan(2007-12), Ministry of Water Resources has set a target of creation of irrigation potential of 16 million hectare from major and medium irrigation projects, minor irrigation schemes and scheme on repairs, renovation and restoration of water bodies during XIth Five Year Plan . The breakup of the target is given below:

Major and medium irrigation Project 9.00 million hectare

Minor irrigation schemes

(i) surface water 1.50 million hectare

(ii) Ground water 4.50 million hectare

Repair, Renovation and Restoration 1.00 million hectare  
of water bodies

Total 16.00 million hectare