

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide irrigation facilities to farmers in non- irrigated areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to work out an action plan to set up deep tube-wells for irrigation in Chitrakoot and Banda districts in backward areas of Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh and the details thereof;
- (d) whether any action plan has been chalked out for irrigation in non-irrigated areas of Bundelkhand out of the Bundelkhand special packages; and
- (e) the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) Irrigation being a State subject, the irrigation projects are planned, executed and funded by State Governments as per their own priorities. However, since 1996-97 Central assistance is provided to State Governments to expedite the completion of the projects. Details of Central Assistance released so far under AIBP is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) Irrigation being a State subject, action plan, if any, to set up deep tubewells for irrigation in Chitrakoot and Banda districts is to be taken by the State Government.

(d) & (e) In all, 9 measures related to Water Resources have been identified for financial support in the Special Package for Bundelkhand. In addition Ken Betwa link has also been identified as one of the activities.

Financial support to the tune of Rs. 365 crores through various schemes of Ministry of Water Resources has been envisaged in respect of 5 measures included in the Special Package for Bundelkhand.

Under the Central Sector Scheme of "Ground Water Management and Regulation", CGWB has proposed to implement Demonstrative Artificial Recharge/ Conservation projects in one critically scarce area/ block of each of the seven districts of Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh.