

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3617  
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IRRIGATION UNDER BHARAT NIRMAN  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the irrigation targets of Bharat Nirman Programme have been achieved;
- (b) if so, the quantum of irrigation potential created State-wise, especially in the State of Bihar during the period from 2005-06, till date;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the causes creating hindrances in achieving the targets; and
- (d) if so, the action taken to remove them to achieve the targets of Bharat Nirman?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The Irrigation potential created under Bharat Nirman Programme for the period from 2005-06 to 2010-11 is 10.38 million hectares against the target of 13 million hectares.
- (b) The quantum of irrigation potential created State-wise during the period from 2005-06 to till date is enclosed in annexure. The potential created in Bihar for the period from 2005-06 to till date is 0.78 million hectares.
- (c) The main hindrances to achieve the targets are lack of proper operation and maintenance, incomplete distribution systems, non-completion of command area development works, changes from the initially designed cropping pattern, and diversion of irrigable land for other purposes.
- (d) 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 under "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme", "Command Area Development & Water Management" and "Repair, Renovation & Restoration of Water Bodies" for early completion of the schemes.