

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Asian Development Bank has made any observation/ recommendation on water related issues in India;
- (b) if so, the main recommendations thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the fresh capital investment in the water resources development in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, ADB's Urban Sector Operation aim at improving the quality and sustainability of water supply and sanitation systems and other urban facilities. Several technical and reform measures are included in consultation with Line Ministries and State Governments in the on-going projects for increasing efficiency, reducing wastage and improving operations and management practices.

(c) Water resources development is a state subject and projects thereof are planned, funded and implemented by the concerned State Governments from their own resources as per their own priorities. However, Central Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments for water resources development under the schemes of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies, Command Area Development & Water Management, etc. Capital investment for water resources development in the country has increased from Rs. 5580 crore in 2007-08 to Rs. 8553.70 crore in 2008-09 and the proposed investment for 2009-10 stands at Rs.9700 crore.