

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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ASIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 60th International Executive Council and the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage together with its fifth Asian Regional Conference is to be held in December 2009; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the theme of the Conference and number of countries likely to participate in it?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) is organizing 5th Asian Regional Conference (ARC) and 60th International Executive Council (IEC) meeting at New Delhi during December 6-11,2009 jointly with Ministry of Water Resources. The Theme of the ARC is `Improvement in Efficiency of Irrigation Projects through Technology Upgradation and Better Operation & Maintenance`. The sub-theme for the Conference are (a) Modernization of Public/State Operated Irrigation System and Services (b) Public-Private Partnership in Irrigation Development and Management (c) Integrated Approach in Agricultural Drainage (d) Capacity Development for Modern Irrigation Management (e) Impact of Climate Change on Water Resources Availability and Crop Productivity (f) Legal Aspects in Sharing of Water Resources. A special session on ground water recharge has also been planned on the concluding day. ICID has informed that it expects participation of delegates from about 60 countries.