

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF IRRIGATION POTENTIAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the irrigation potential generated and percentage of its utilization, State-wise during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether there is less than optimum utilization of the same;
- (c) if so, the reasons for under utilization of the potential; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for optimum utilisation of the irrigation potential?

Answer

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

- (a) The state-wise irrigation potential created during the last three years (2007-08, 08-09, 09-10) and the current year (2010-11) are annexed. The utilisation of this newly created irrigation potential is not maintained by this Ministry.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise.
- (d) Planning and implementation of irrigation projects are undertaken by respective State Governments. However, Government of India provides financial assistance to States under "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme" (AIBP), "Command Area Development and Water Management" (CAD&WM) and "Repair, Restoration and Renovation" (RRR) of Water Bodies for optimum utilisation of the irrigation potential.