

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND  
Gohain Shri Rajen

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any vision plan for total irrigation of the agricultural land of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme; and
- (c) the area of agricultural land that has been covered under irrigation till date?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The vision for Integrated Water Resources Development & Management, proposed by this Ministry in 2003 inter-alia stipulates to add an additional irrigation potential of 20 million ha. in the next 15 years to meet the food and fiber requirements for a projected population of 1200 million by 2015 and 1600 million by 2050, ensuring food security.
- (b) This Ministry is providing Central Assistance to State Governments for Creation / Utilisation of irrigation potential, through the schemes viz. Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Command Area Development & Water Management (CAD&WM) and Repairs, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies.
- (c) Out of 139.89 million ha. of Ultimate irrigation potential, 109.77 million ha. have been created till 2010-11.