

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5564
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CLEANING OF CANALS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any budgetary allocation is made for cleaning the canals constructed for irrigation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any prototype project for using up-to-date equipments for cleaning the said canals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of officers sent abroad so far for studying the cleaning of canals in other countries alongwith the details of the reports submitted by them?

Answer

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

- (a)to (b) Irrigation being a State subject, the planning, execution and funding of irrigation projects including cleaning of canals are carried out by State Governments as per their own priorities, Government of India provides financial assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for Extension, Renovation& Modernization (ERM) of irrigation projects.
- (e) Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India has not sent officials abroad for studying of canals.