

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the irrigation projects being implemented in rural areas of the country particularly in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and as on date;
- (b) the State-wise details of irrigation potential achieved in rural areas and the steps taken to increase it; and
- (c) the total drought prone areas proposed to be covered under irrigation facilities by the end of the current Five Year Plan, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) Based on the information furnished by various State Govts., including Madhya Pradesh to the Working Group on Major Medium Irrigation & Command Area Development for XII Five Year Plan, there are about 51 Major/ Medium Irrigation projects including Extension, Renovation & Modernization (ERM) Schemes which have started during the last three years (including 5 projects of Orissa anticipated for XII Plan).
- (b) State-wise details of Irrigation potential created through Major/Medium Irrigation Projects during the last three years is given at Annexure-I.
- (c) As per Working Group on Major Medium Irrigation & Command Area Development for XII Five Year Plan, the creation of additional irrigation potential of about 7.9 million hectares has been proposed through major/medium irrigation projects which also includes irrigation projects benefitting Drought Prone Areas.