

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) the State-wise details of the total area which is reeling under drought condition and is likely to be extended irrigation facilities by the end of the current Five year Plan; and

(b) the target fixed for this purpose in the current Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a) Government of Karnataka, Rajasthan and Gujarat have declared drought in 26, 5 and 17 districts respectively during the current financial year. The extension of irrigation facilities by the end of current five year plan depends on the area affected by drought and priority attached by these State Governments to such areas.

(b) Ministry of Water Resources is providing funds under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to eligible projects benefitting drought prone areas. As per Working Group on Major, Medium Irrigation and 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.