

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INADEQUATE IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether irrigation infrastructure in the country is inadequate in its access and reach to various regions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the main reasons for the same; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Irrigation being a state subject, the irrigation projects are planned, executed and maintained by State Governments from their own resources and as per their priorities. The distribution of water resources both in time and space has wide variability. Variation in priority being given by States to irrigation sector is the main reason for variation in the development of irrigation in different states. The details of the State-wise ultimate irrigation potential in the country and the potential created up to March 2010 is given in Annexure-I.

(c) The Union Government provides Central assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to the State Governments on their requests and as per the Guidelines of AIBP for completion of approved ongoing irrigation projects. The Government of India has given relaxation for inclusion of the projects in AIBP for the States whose development is below national average.