

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2100
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IRRIGATION CAPACITY OF TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any plan to assist the State Government of Tamil Nadu to increase its irrigation capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government would declare some of the half completed dams of Tamil Nadu as national projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) The Union Government provides Central Assistance (CA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) and Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR), to the projects satisfying Guidelines on the request of State Governments for creation/restoration of irrigation potential.

Under the scheme of RRR of water bodies with external assistance, World Bank Loan Agreement has been signed with Tamil Nadu for Rs. 2182 crore to restore 5763 water bodies having a CCA of 4 lakh hectares. Under the scheme of RRR of water bodies with domestic support, Govt. of Tamil Nadu has submitted a proposal for 342 water bodies at an estimated cost of Rs. 198 crore. The Govt. Of India has sought certain clarifications on these proposals which the State Government of Tamil Nadu needs before the proposals are processed further .

(c) to (e) No proposal for declaring a project as a National Project has been received from Government of Tamil Nadu.