

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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BHARAT NIRMAN YOJANA

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the irrigation potential created, State-wise during the past two years under the Bharat Nirman Yojana (BNY);
- (b) the State-wise details regarding the progress made under BNY, since its inception as on date concerning the total land irrigated and the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c) the details of success of this scheme in drought prone areas;
- (d) the efforts being made to enable the small and medium farmers to reap the benefits of this scheme and the details thereof; and
- (e) the quantum of funds allocated so far for the said purpose and the area of land proposed to be irrigated in the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) The State-wise details of irrigation potential created including that of drought prone areas under Bharat Nirman Yojana is enclosed at Annexure – I. The State-wise Central Assistance released as grant under Bharat Nirman since inception is enclosed at Annexure II.

(c) & (d) Irrigation potential created in Drought Prone Areas has extended several benefits to farmers including small and medium farmers such as increase in crop production, increase in income of the farmers, availability of fodder for cattle and increase in animal husbandry related income. In addition, Central Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) and Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies Schemes, supplements State Government efforts to create irrigation potential. For Drought Prone Areas, 90% Central Assistance is given as grant to the State Governments. Implementation of these schemes provides water security and connected benefits to the small and medium farmers in the command area.

(e) Planning Commission has indicated an outlay of Rs.76435 crores for Bharat Nirman Yojana in the Twelfth Five Year Plan. Steering Committee on Water Resource and Sanitation has recommended creation of 10 mha of irrigation potential during XII Five Year Plan.