

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AREA OF IRRIGATED LAND

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any survey regarding area of irrigated/unirrigated/ uncultivable land in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the time by which the total area of agricultural land is likely to be provided with the facility of irrigation; and
- (d) the details of the measures being taken by the Government for water harvesting for irrigation of the agricultural land in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) No such survey is being conducted or proposed by the Government of India. However, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation publishes "Agricultural Statistics at a Glance" every year which inter-alia includes area of irrigated/unirrigated/uncultivable land in the country. The State/Union Territories-wise details of irrigated/unirrigated/uncultivable land are enclosed at Annexure.

(c) The Ultimate Irrigation Potential (UIP) aimed in the country is 139.89 Million Hectares (MHa) out of which 110.86 MHa has been achieved till the end of the 11th five year plan. In the 12th Plan a target for Irrigation Potential of 8.7 MHa under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), 5.5 MHa under Command Area Development & Water Management Programme (CAD&WM) and 0.6235 MHa under Repair Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of water bodies has been fixed. These targets are likely to be achieved by the State Governments by the end of 12th five year plan.

(d) Financial Assistance is provided to State Governments for implementation of water harvesting measures which are being taken up in the country by the State Governments through AIBP, RRR, Ground Water Recharge, Integrated Watershed Management Programme in addition to the schemes run by the State Governments out of their own resources from time to time for irrigation & agricultural land.