

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4050
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2013
MINOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS
Argal Shri Ashok

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rs. 1.50 lakh per hectare is presently spent on minor irrigation projects in the country which is insufficient;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh to increase the fund to Rs. 3 lakh per hectare under minor irrigation projects; and
- (d) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) & (b) As per existing guidelines for AIBP, the development cost per hectare for minor irrigation schemes in the country for inclusion under AIBP is Rs. 2 lakh per hectare with the condition that the central grant is limited to Rs. 1.5 lakh per hectare. However, requests have been received from several States to increase this ceiling to Rs. 2.5 lakh per hectare. The same have been incorporated in the proposal for continuation of this scheme in the XII Plan which is under finalization.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.