

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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TARGETS FOR IRRIGATION  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether targets have been fixed for creation of additional irrigation capacity in various States at national level;
- (b) if so, the details of targets fixed for 11th and 12th plans separately, State-wise;
- (c) whether many States have not achieved the target of creation of additional irrigation capacity fixed for the Eleventh plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) whether only fifty per cent of the target has been achieved against the target fixed for creation of irrigation capacity at national level and if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made to achieve the target and the time period fixed to achieve this target?

**Answer**

THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Targets fixed at National Level by the Planning Commission for the creation of irrigation capacity during the XI Plan period (2007-12) and XII Plan period (2012-17) are given below in the table:-

Sector	XI Plan period		XII Plan period	
	in Million Hectares (Mha)	in Million Hectares (Mha)	Original:	Revised :
Major, Medium and Minor Irrigation			16.00	13.00 9.50

No State-wise targets were fixed by the Planning Commission for the XIth and XIIth Plan periods.

(c), (d) & (e) As per the information made available by the Planning Commission, irrigation potential of 10.47 Mha has been reported as created during the XI Plan. The target fixed for the XII Plan is envisaged to be achieved by 31st March 2017. Water being a State subject, planning and implementation of water resources projects are undertaken by respective State Governments. Government of India provides financial assistance to the State Governments in the form of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Command Area Development & Water Management (CAD&WM) and Repair Restoration & Renovation of Water bodies (RRR).