

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Land Irrigated under Bharat Nirman

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of land irrigated in various parts of the country under Bharat Nirman Programme, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and Jharkhand during the last three years; and

(b) the funds allocated for the above mentioned purpose under the programme during the said period State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE
(RAOINDERJIT SINGH)

(a): Under the Bharat Nirman programme, State Governments have informed that an area of 13.462 million hectare has been brought under irrigation in various States from April 2005 to March 2013. The State/UT-wise details including Rajasthan and Jharkhand is enclosed at Annexure I.

(b): There was no separate allocation of funds for the Bharat Nirman Programme. As per the Constitution, irrigation is a State Subject and planning, funding and implementation of irrigation projects are primarily the responsibility of the States. However, Central Government provided assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to the States for the completion of ongoing major, medium, ERM and surface minor irrigation schemes. Details of funds released during the last three years under the Programme is enclosed at Annexure II.