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WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Irrigation Targets

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of targets set and achieved for irrigating land in the country during the last as well as current Five Year Plan period along with the area of irrigated vis-À-vis unirrigated land at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that a huge area of agricultural land in the country still lack irrigation facilities and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor along with the action taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the targets set for irrigation of the entire agricultural land in the country have been achieved and if so, the extent thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to achieve the targets within stipulated time and efforts made to increase the irrigated area by irrigating the unirrigated land of the country?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) State-wise target set and achieved for irrigating land in the country for XI Plan and target set for XII Plan are attached at Annexure-I.

(b) to (e) Government is aware that some areas of agricultural land in the country still lack irrigation facilities. The details of the State-wise Net sown, Irrigated and Rainfed area is attached at Annexure-II.

State Governments plan, accord sanction and implement irrigation projects as per their priority, needs and resources. The Central Government supplements their efforts through the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for completion of irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of execution thereby increasing the Irrigation Potential. In addition, there are other Schemes like Command Area Development and Water Management Programme in 1974-75 to reduce the gap between Irrigation Potential Created and Utilised. Recently the Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) to expand cultivable area under assured irrigation (Har Khet Ko Pani) with convergence of schemes of Ministry of Agriculture and Department of Land Resources.
