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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is preparing any action plan to strengthen irrigation system and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is also preparing any action plan for improving irrigation system in Jammu and Kashmir and for proper utilization of irrigation in rural and hilly areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

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(a) to (c) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) has been launched in 2015-16 to serve as a platform for convergence of investments in irrigation through comprehensive District and the State Irrigation Plans. It envisages end to end solution in irrigation supply chain viz. water resources, distribution, efficient application and extension services. The focus is on improving water use efficiency at farm level and bridging the gap between irrigation potential created and utilization.

Under PMKSY-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), 99 ongoing Major/Medium projects having irrigation potential of 76.03 lakh ha. have been identified, in consultation with states which could be completed in phases up to December, 2019. Out of above, 4 projects are in Jammu & Kashmir, having ultimate Irrigation Potential of 61.44 th. ha. For completion of these projects in a mission mode, funding mechanism through NABARD has been approved by the Government for both Central as well as State share. Further, a Mission has also been established for implementation of these 99 projects.
