

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a large amount of water is getting wasted due to lack of maintenance of age old canals;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is taking any steps to take up maintenance and repair of the old canals; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Water is getting lost due to seepage from old/unlined canals. Irrigation development being a State subject, water resources are planned and executed by the respective State Governments from their own resources as per their own requirements and priority of works. Lining of canal is being undertaken for prevention of loss of water in general; the State Governments address the maintenance and repair of the old canals through Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) of Government of India. An amount of about Rs. 2699 crore has been released for 40 ERM projects, from the inception of ERM programme upto March, 2014.