

[English]

Irrigation Projects

5060. SHRI AJAY KUMAR S. SARNAIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of irrigation projects which were proposed to be constructed during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the number out of them completed during the period;

(c) the targetted irrigation potential and the actual achievement made by the Government during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the percentage of irrigation potential utilised during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (d) A Details of irrigation projects (*) proposed for completion and irrigation projects completed during the VIII Five Year Plan.

| S.No. | Item | Units | Major | Medium | ERM** | Total |
|-------|---|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| (i) | Projects proposed for completion during VIII Plan | Nos. | 38 | 100 | 46 | 183 |
| (ii) | Projects completed during VIII Plan (Provisional) | Nos. | 10 | 30 | 9 | 49 |

(*) The irrigation projects mentioned above do not include Minor irrigation projects, as the details of construction of Minor irrigation projects are not maintained at the Union Government level.

(**) ERM=Extention, Modernisation and Renovation Projects.

B. Details regarding creation and utilisation of irrigation potential through Major and Medium irrigation projects and minor irrigation schemes during the Eighth Five Year Plan are as under :

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| (i) Targets for creation of irrigation potential during VIII Plan | 15.80 Million hectares |
| (ii) Irrigation potential created during VIII Plan (provisional) | 8.35 Million hectares |
| (iii) Utilisation of irrigation potential created during VIII Plan (Provisional) | 7.84 Million hectares |
| (iv) Percentage of utilisation with respect to created irrigation potential during VIII Plan | 93.8% |

[Translation]

Grants to Agriculture Universities

5061. SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the existing criteria adopted for providing grants to agriculture Universities of various States by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR);

(b) whether the grants are provided on the basis of geographical area or on else ground; and

(c) the details of grants provided to agriculture Universities during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) The following criteria is adopted for providing development grants :

- (i) Need based infrastructure support to strengthen educational programme.
- (ii) Intake capacity of the students.
- (iii) Number of programmes offered.
- (iv) Number of Agricultural Universities in the State. Single state gets more weightage.
- (v) Proportionate support from the respective State Government(s).
- (vi) Evaluation of educational programmes and regularization of academic calendar.
- (vii) Innovation made in Educational Technology.
- (viii) The assessment of the requirements by committees constituted.
- (ix) Guidelines from the Accreditation Board.

(b) No, Sir. The grants are provided on the criteria as indicated in (a) above.

(c) Given in the attached statement.