

### Status of irrigation in India

2447. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of irrigation in different States and also in the country as a whole as on 31st October, 2009;
- (b) the number of new projects of irrigation established after 31st March, 2004;
- (c) the reasons why irrigation cannot be extended to the expected level after so many years; and
- (d) the programme of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Out of estimated ultimate irrigation potential of about 139.9 million hectare (Mha), State Governments have reported creation of irrigation potential of about 106.3 Mha up to March 2009. State-wise details of creation of irrigation potential up to March 2009 is given in Statement. (See below)

(b) Eighty major and medium irrigation projects and 3740 minor irrigation schemes have been reported as completed with assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during the period from 1st April, 2004 to 31st March, 2009.

(c) and (d) There has been considerable progress in respect of creation of irrigation potential. As per the available information, the irrigation potential created at pre Plan stage *i.e.* in 1951 was about 22.6 million hectares which increased to about 102.7 Mha by the end of Tenth Plan. Irrigation potential of about 87.2 Mha has been reported as utilized by the end of Tenth Plan.

Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are conceived, planned and implemented by the respective State Governments as per their own priority. However, Government of India provides central assistance to the State Governments for completion of on-going irrigation projects under AIBP for early completion of the projects. Ministry of Water Resources has also launched a scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies under which assistance is provided to the States. Due emphasis has been laid on irrigation development during Eleventh Plan. The overall outlay for irrigation, command area development and food control in the State and Central Plan during Eleventh Plan is Rs. 2,32,311 crore against the Tenth Plan outlay of Rs.95,743 crore.

#### Statement

##### *State-wise detail about creation of Irrigation Potential up to March 2009*

Sl. No.	State	Irrigation Potential Created in million hectare (Mha)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7.36

1	2	3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.13
3.	Assam	1.00
4.	Bihar	7.77
5.	Chhattisgarh	2.58
6.	Goa	0.07
7.	Gujarat	4.46
8.	Haryana	3.86
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0.20
10.	Jharkhand	1.10
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	1.81
12.	Karnataka	2.95
13.	Kerala	3.40
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2.27
15.	Maharashtra	7.10
16.	Manipur	0.21
17.	Meghalaya	0.07
18.	Mizoram	0.02
19.	Nagaland	0.10
20.	Orissa	3.80
21.	Punjab	6.09
22.	Rajasthan	5.52
23.	Sikkim	0.04
24.	Tamil Nadu	4.15
25.	Tripura	0.16
26.	Uttar Pradesh	33.32
27.	Uttaranchal	0.85
28.	West Bengal	5.92
29.	Union Territories	0.06

**Basin-wise storage capacity in Rajasthan**

†2448. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.