

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA
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SCHEME FORMULATED FOR CANAL IRRIGATION

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of agricultural land in the country having the facility of canal irrigation; and
- (b) whether Government has formulated any scheme to improve the infrastructure of canals and irrigate more agricultural land, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) As per agricultural statistics published by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the net sown area of the country is 139.42 Million Hectare while the gross cropped area (i.e. total area sown once and / or more than once in a particular year) is 200.20 Million Hectare. Out of the above net sown area, the net irrigated area including the area covered under canal irrigation is 69.48 Million Ha. (49.8 %). Out of the gross cropped area, facility for canal irrigation created under major and medium irrigation projects is estimated to be about 52.18 Million Hectare.

(b) Water resources projects including their canal system are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement the efforts, Ministry of Jal Shakti provides financial assistance to State Governments through various schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). During 2016-17, Ninety Nine (99) priority projects of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) were taken up for mission mode completion. Out of the targeted 76.03 lakh hectare of irrigation potential under these projects, 64.13 lakh hectare irrigation potential has been created till date of which 22.74 lakh hectare has been achieved during 2016-2021.
