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REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MINOR IRRIGATION CHANNELS

104 SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any specific plan to restore, maintain and rejuvenate minor irrigation channels which were laid right up to the villages to irrigate agriculture fields under the Five Year Plan Schemes in the past
- (b) if so, the details of progress made and
- (c) whether Government has any data on the repairs and maintenance of such minor channels and also those newly laid during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) Water resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. Role of Government of India is limited to being catalytic, providing technical support and in some cases partial financial assistance in terms with the existing schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Regarding minor irrigation, this Ministry provides partial financial assistance to State Governments for identified projects under surface minor irrigation (SMI) component of centrally sponsored scheme Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Har Khet Ko Pani (PMKSY-HKPP). During the last five years, i.e., during 2016-17 to 2020-21, irrigation potential of about 2.38 lakh hectare has been created under SMI.

However, the above referred scheme provides central assistance only for creation of irrigation potential, and does not include repairs or maintenance of minor irrigation channels.
