

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the average annual rainfall in the country, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka;
- (b) the total irrigation and hydro-power potential of each State and the potential utilised by them during the current financial year;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government in these States, recently to increase irrigation and hydro-power potential;
- (d) if so, whether any Central assistance is likely to be provided to these States for the purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Average annual normal rainfall in the country is 1192 mm and in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka 908 mm and 1172 mm respectively.

(b) Status of development of Irrigation potential and hydro- power potential in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka is as under :

States (MW)	Irrigation Potential (Thousand hectare)		Hydro-power Potential	
	Assessed Ultimate Potential	Potential Created as on 31.03.97	Assessed	Developed
Andhra Pradesh	11260		5947	2909
Karnataka	5974	3197	4347	2204

(c) to (e) As the State Governments conceive, plan and execute projects for irrigation and hydro-power development, information regarding any survey conducted recently by the State Governments is not available with the Centre. However, the Union Government has been providing Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 to selected ongoing Major & Medium Irrigation Projects to facilitate early completion of the projects.