

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:186  
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2000  
IRRIGATION CANALS  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is a long-term plan under the consideration of the Union Government to encourage all State Governments to embark on a programme and have water proof irrigation canals in order to reduce seepage; and

(b) if so, the extent to which the Government offered financial and technical assistance to the State Governments for the implementation of the programme?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) &(b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.186 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 08.3.2000 REGARDING IRRIGATION CANALS.

All Major, Medium & Minor Irrigation projects and their distribution network are conceived planned & constructed by the State Govt. according to their priority with their own resources. There is no programme at present to take up lining of all Irrigation Canals in all the States. However, lining of Canals in selective and vulnerable reaches to reduce losses by excessive seepage and to reduce water logging due to seepage has been taken up in various projects. Central Water Commission provides technical assistance by way of appraisal for its techno-economic feasibility and consultancy in design where required by the States/Projects.