

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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PREVENTION OF WASTAGE OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central Sponsored Schemes being implemented to prevent wastage of water and to make use of this water for additional irrigation in the tail areas by getting the canal system cemented under major and medium irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the schemes being implemented for improvement of canal irrigation system in Rajasthan and the funds provided to the State Government during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) A Centrally Sponsored "Command Area Development Programme" was initiated in the year 1974 with an objective to bridge the gap between the irrigation potential created and that utilized through micro level infrastructure development and efficient farm water management; to enhance agricultural production and productivity and to improve social economic conditions of the farmers.

The programme has been restructured and renamed as "Command Area Development & Water Management Programme" since 1.4.2004. Apart from other changes, two new components namely "renovation and desilting of existing tanks within the designed irrigation commands" and "correction of systems deficiencies above outlet upto distributaries of 4.25 cusec" have also been included under the restructured programme.

(c) The above scheme is being implemented in Rajasthan also and four projects of the States namely Indira Gandhi Nehar Project, Chambal, Sidhumukh Nohar and "Amar Singh Sub-branch and Jassana Distributory of Bhakra Canal System" are covered under the Scheme. The Central assistance released to the State during the last three years under the programme is given below

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
2002-03	2939.27
2003-04	2038.30
2004-05	3476.85