

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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LAND UNDER IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether under "Bharat Nirman" the Government proposes to bring an additional one crore hectare of land under irrigation, over a period of four years from 2005-2006 to 2008-2009;
- (b) if so, the expenditure to be incurred for the purpose and how does it reflect in Budget 2005- 2006;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to bear this cost entirely or mobilize funds through private participation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The total estimated fund requirement for irrigation under 'Bharat Nirman' is Rs. 68,500 crore over a period of 4 years. The allocation of plan funds for irrigation to various State Governments for 2005-06 is Rs. 17,203.08 crore which includes the allocations under various schemes providing central assistance and Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP).

(c) & (d) The fund requirements are proposed to be met through an appropriate mix of budgetary support by Centre and States, external assistance, market borrowing and beneficiary contribution (in some cases).