

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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IRRIGATION FACILITIES ON CULTIVABLE LAND  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether despite availability of adequate cultivable land in the country, agricultural production is not up to the expectations due to lack of irrigation facilities;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): The details of irrigated area in the country are given in the Annexure. About 40 percent of the net sown area in the country is irrigated, remaining 60 percent being dependent on weather conditions.

(c): The Government have taken several policy initiatives to bring more and more area under irrigation. These are as follows:

# Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme:

It was launched in 1996-97 to encourage the States for completion of on-going irrigation projects through Central Loan Assistance (CLA). The focus has been given on completion of last mile projects. In keeping with this need, the outlay on this programme has been enhanced from Rs. 2800 crores in 2004-05 to Rs. 4800 crores in 2005-06.

# Similarly, the Scheme of micro-irrigation for promoting water use efficiency in Indian agriculture has been provided an outlay of Rs. 400 crores in the year 2005-06 to increase the coverage by 3 million hectares by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan.

Annexure State-wise position of Net Irrigated Area and Net Area Sown for the year 2002-03 (Provisional)

(Thousand Hectares)

State/ Union- Territory	Net area sown	Net irrigated area	Percentage
ANDHRA PRADESH	9614.5	3613.7	37.6
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	164.2	42.1	25.7
ASSAM	2793.3	173.6	6.2
BIHAR	5725.5	3462.1	60.5
CHHATTISGARH	4754.1	1068.1	22.5
GOA	141.5	23.7	16.7
GUJARAT	9621.7	2994.0	31.1
HARYANA	3457.9	2965.6	85.8
HIMACHAL PRADESH	544.6	102.1	18.7
JAMMU & KASHMIR	732.6	299.7	40.9
JHARKHAND	1769.2	163.5	9.2
KARNATAKA	9837.6	2515.3	25.6
KERALA	2188.5	378.9	17.3
MADHYA PRADESH	14517.7	4494.3	31.0
MAHARASHTRA	17579.4	2971.1	16.9
MANIPUR	155.3	40.1	25.8
MEGHALAYA	230.1	59.5	25.8
MIZORAM	89.5	15.7	17.6
NAGALAND	324.4	64.7	19.9
ORISSA	5680.0	1299.9	22.9
PUNJAB	4250.0	4037.9	95.0
RAJASTHAN	10807.1	4371.6	40.5
SIKKIM	107.8	9.0	8.4
TAMIL NADU	4590.3	2309.9	50.3
TRIPURA	280.0	40.0	14.3
UTTARANCHAL	793.2	346.8	43.7

UTTAR PRADESH	16596.8	12232.1	73.7
WEST BENGAL	5354.2	2980.0	55.7
A&N ISLAND	17.0	0.0	0.0
CHANDIGARH	1.9	1.0	50.2
D & N HAVELI	22.7	6.8	29.8
DAMAN & DIU	2.0	0.0	0.0
DELHI	29.1	28.9	99.3
LAKSHADWEEP	2.7	0.8	28.9
PONDICHERRY	21.6	18.7	86.7
ALL INDIA	132797.9	53131.1	40.0