

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:801  
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WATER FOR IRRIGATION  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present availability of water for irrigation purposes available in Union territory of Chandigarh;
- (b) whether the need is likely to increase substantially in the near future; and
- (c) if so, projections of such requirement and steps taken to meet the need?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

- (a) The present availability of irrigation in rural areas of Union Territory of Chandigarh is through under ground sources. The irrigation is done from 31 tubewells drilled in different villages. The capacity of these 31 tubewells is 18.57 cubic feet per second (cusecs).
- (b) As the area under agriculture is decreasing day by day, the demand of water for irrigation is not likely to increase in near future.
- (c) Do not arise.