

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EXTRA LAND FOR IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to irrigate an additional one crore hectares of land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether to achieve the above target the Government proposes to provide training and technologies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)to(d): The Government proposes to create an irrigation potential of one crore hectares over a period of four years under `Bharat Nirman` which includes creation of irrigation potential of

- (a) 4.2 Million hectares (Mha), through completion of identified on-going major & medium projects;
- (b) 2.8 Mha by implementing minor irrigation schemes;
- (c) 1.0 Mha by enhancing the utilization by extension, renovation and modernization (ERM) of major & medium project;
- (d) 1.0 Mha through repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies and ERM of minor irrigation schemes; and
- (e) 1.0 Mha by new schemes for ground water development for irrigation in areas with unutilized ground water potential (primarily for benefit of small and marginal farmers and tribals and dalits). The various schemes under Bharat Nirman are to be implemented by the respective State Governments by employing their own manpower. However, training programme on various topics related to water resources development are organized from time to time by Central water Commission and Central Ground Water Board for officers associated with water resources including those from State Governments.