

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 113**

ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025

**WATER FOR IRRIGATION**

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Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which water is being made available to the farmers of the country for irrigation;
- (b) whether Government proposes to implement lift irrigation projects to provide irrigation water to all villages and farmers;
- (c) if so, the number of farmers and villages benefitted with the lift irrigation projects so far, particularly in Karnataka along with the policy adopted for the same; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by Government to provide water for irrigation to the regional farmers?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was launched during the year 2015-16, with the aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, improve on-farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices, etc. PMKSY is an umbrella scheme, consisting of two major components being implemented by this Ministry, namely, Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), and Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP). Implementation of PMKSY for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 has been approved by Government of India in December, 2021.

Ninety-Nine (99) ongoing Major/Medium Irrigation Projects (MMI) (and 7 phases) with balance irrigation potential of 34.64 ha have been included under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) during 2016-17. 11 nos. new AIBP projects with ultimate irrigation potential of 5.60 lakh hectare have been included under PMKSY 2.0 i.e. after March, 2021.

Presently, 66 nos. Major and Medium irrigation projects have been completed with irrigation potential creation/restoration of 29.22 lakh hectare along with command area development of 22.21 lakh hectare.

Under Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) component of HKKP irrigation potential of 3.69 lakh hectare has been created and under Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) irrigation potential of 1.2 lakh hectare has been created since 2016-17.

Further, under special package for completion of 8 nos. Major & Medium Irrigation (MMI) and 83 surface minor irrigation (SMI) projects of Maharashtra, 3 nos. MMI and 67 nos. SMI projects have been completed and 1.91 lakh hectare irrigation potential has been created under the scheme.

**(b) & (c)** Water being a State subject, it is for the State Government concerned to plan, implement and manage the irrigation projects including lift irrigation projects, and to prepare action plan to make irrigation system more extensive in the State. Role of Government of India is limited to provide technical support, and partial financial assistance for identified projects under the ongoing schemes.

In Karnataka, 5 nos. major and medium projects were included under PMKSY-AIBP out of which 3 nos. projects are lift irrigation projects. All these 3 nos lift irrigation projects are completed. The detail of villages and farmers benefitted from these projects, as reported is given in **Annexure**.

**(d)** Besides PMKSY and Maharashtra Package, some of the key initiatives of Government of India for creation of irrigation potential and provide water for irrigation in the recent past are given below.

1. In June, 2018, Government of India has approved financial assistance to Shahpurkandi dam (National) project benefitting J&K and Punjab, for project cost of Rs. 2,715.70 crore. The approved central assistance liability for the project is Rs. 485.38 crore.
2. In September, 2018, Government of India has approved financial assistance to relining of Rajasthan feeder and Sirhind feeder benefitting the States of Punjab and Rajasthan at an approved cost of Rs. 1976.75 crore. The approved central assistance liability for the project is Rs. 982 crore.
3. In December, 2021, Government of India has approved central assistance to Renukaji dam and Lakhwar multipurpose (National) projects, in the State of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, respectively. The estimated cost of the two projects is Rs. 6,946.99 crore, and Rs. 5,747.17 crore, respectively.
4. In December, 2021, Government of India has also approved Ken-Betwa link project in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, at an estimated cost of Rs. 44,605 crore.

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 113 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING “WATER FOR IRRIGATION”**

**Details of Lift Irrigation Projects under PMKSY-AIBP in Karnataka**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>District Benefited</b>	<b>Nos. of Benefitted Villages</b>	<b>Benefitted Farmers</b>
1	Sri Rameswara lift irrigation scheme	Belgaum	29	66,111
2	Bhima lift irrigation scheme	Kalaburagi	43	62,562
3	Karanja lift irrigation scheme	Bidar	14	1,861

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