

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2478

ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026

**LACK OF IRRIGATION FACILITIES IN THE AGRICULTURE-DOMINATED STATE OF
CHHATTISGARH**

2478 # Smt. LAXMI VERMA:

Will the Minister of Jal Shakti be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a large number of farmers are compelled to cultivate only a single crop in a year due to lack of irrigation facilities in many districts of the agriculture-dominated state of Chhattisgarh particularly Baloda Bazar and tribal regions, if so, the details of such areas, district-wise;
- (b) whether Central Government will launch a special irrigation mission for Chhattisgarh that incorporates the scientific utilization of rivers, anicuts, reservoirs and groundwater recharge; and
- (c) whether it is being proposed to make a separate financial provision for tribal and forest-dwelling areas under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Water, being State subject, irrigation projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement their efforts, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources under various ongoing schemes.

Single cropping in an area may be due to the absence of an irrigation project, or because the project is originally designed for single-crop irrigation. It may also result from limited or seasonal water availability, inadequate on-farm water management, and other agronomic or socio-economic constraints, even if the project is designed for multiple crops.

District-wise actual irrigation provided in Kharif and Rabi seasons of 2024-25 and Kharif season of 2025-26 in the State of Chhattisgarh are given at **Annexure**.

(b) Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) during the year 2015-16, with an 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. Various components of the PMKSY, namely Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies, Command Area

Development & Water Management (CADWM), are being implemented across all States, including Chhattisgarh. These schemes provide financial assistance for expeditious completion of eligible major and medium irrigation projects, development of surface minor irrigation projects, restoration of water bodies, efficient utilization of irrigation potential created, modernization of irrigation infrastructure, and promotion of improved water use efficiency.

(c) To strengthen irrigation infrastructure in tribal areas, special provisions were made during 2021-22 for criteria of selection of projects and central funding ratio under PMKSY-AIBP. If a project has more than 50% command in tribal area, 50% advance stage criteria has been relaxed and the project can be included since beginning of the construction with enhance funding ratio of 60 (Centre): 40 (State) in the proportion of command area falling in tribal area.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2478 ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026 REGARDING “LACK OF IRRIGATION FACILITIES IN THE AGRICULTURE-DOMINATED STATE OF CHHATTISGARH”

District wise details of Irrigated area

(Area in hectare)

Sl. No.	District	Actual Irrigation 2024-25 (Kharif & Rabi)	Actual Irrigation 2025-26 (Kharif)
1	Balod	95437	93883
2	Baloda Bazar	108552	111046
3	Balrampur	6441	9900
4	Bastar	18750	16144
5	Bemetara	35314	37046
6	Bijapur	768	1166
7	Bilaspur	106504	110557
8	Dantewada	1519	1231
9	Dhamtari	88652	91215
10	Durg	69635	71724
11	Gariaband	47996	42489
12	Gaurella-Pendra-Marwahi	13646	14079
13	Janjgir-Champa	194475	140932
14	Jashpur	12888	13266
15	Kabirdham	40976	45122
16	Kanker	23454	20280
17	Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai	35735	37350
18	Kondagaon	2198	2007
19	Korba	16267	16572
20	Koriya	8846	7295
21	Mahasamund	43028	43995
22	Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur	1570	1494
23	Mohla-Manpur- Ambagarh Chowki	7213	7429
24	Mungeli	64204	66925
25	Narayanpur	861	865
26	Raigarh	41332	39931
27	Raipur	109104	98361
28	Rajnandgaon	51727	53683
29	Sakti	122860	100089
30	Sarangarh-Bilaigarh	31136	31919
31	Sukma	470	1324
32	Surajpur	8990	10395
33	Surguja	43932	38972
	Total	14,54,480	13,78,686
