

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2656

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RESTORATION OF MINOR IRRIGATION CHANNELS

2656 SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has some specific plans to restore, maintain and rejuvenate minor irrigation channels which were laid right up to the villages to irrigate agriculture fields;
- (b) if so, the details of progress made in the regard;
- (c) whether the Government has any data on the repairs and maintenance of such minor channels and also those newly laid during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b) Water being a state subject, restoration, maintenance and rejuvenation of irrigation infrastructure lies in the purview of the State Governments concerned. Government of India provides technical assistance and partial financial assistance to the identified projects under ongoing schemes, as per the norms of the schemes. However, at present, there is no scheme available with this Ministry for providing financial assistance for restoration, maintenance or rejuvenation of minor irrigation projects.

(c) & (d) Details regarding repairs and maintenance of minor irrigation projects, or their components, as well about the newly created irrigation potential through minor irrigation projects, is being maintained by the implementing State Governments themselves. However, under Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana – Har Khet Ko Pani (PMKSY-HKPP), financial assistance is being provided for construction of identified minor irrigation projects, as per the norms of the scheme. During last three years, i.e., during the years 2019-2022, irrigation potential of 92,830 hectares has been reported to have been created by the projects receiving financial assistance from this Ministry under SMI component of PMKSY-HKPP.
