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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1884**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 01<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**AREA OF ARABLE LAND**

1884. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total area of arable land in the country along with the irrigated and unirrigated cultivable land thereof especially in Maharashtra;
- (b) the constraints faced by the Government while increasing the area of irrigated land in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has any action plan to increase the area of irrigated cultivable land in the country especially in Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) : As per Land Use Statistics at a Glance 2011-12 to 2020-21 (latest available), the details of Arable land, Net Area Sown, Net Irrigated Area and Net Un-irrigated Area at all India level and in the State of Maharashtra during the year 2020-21 are given below.

(in thousand hectare)

State/ UT	Agri. Land/Culti-vable land/Cultur-able land/Arable land	Net Sown Area	Net Irrigated Area	Net Un-Irrigated Area
Maharashtra*	20509	16650	3114	13536
All India	180266	141544	77729	63815

\*Provisional

(b) to (d): Agriculture is a State Subject. However, Government of India supports and facilitates the State Governments for increasing the area under irrigation in the country through following Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes.

(1) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was launched during 2015-16 with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, introduce sustainable water conservation practices, improve on-farm water use efficiency, etc. Under PMKSY-Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), during the year 2016-17, ninety-nine (99) on-going major/medium irrigation projects in the country were prioritised in consultation with States for completion in phases. The funds sanctioned under PMKSY-AIBP during 2016-17 to 2022-23 in the country is Rs.14054.94 crore, out of which Rs.2265.76 crore is sanctioned for Maharashtra. The irrigation potential created under this scheme is 2511.18 thousand hectare in the country, out of which 345.33 thousand hectare is in the Maharashtra. The extension of PMKSY for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 has been approved by Government of India with the following targets:

**i. AIBP including Command Area Development and Watershed Management (CAD&WM):** Completion of 60 ongoing AIBP, 85 ongoing CAD&WM major/ medium projects and inclusion of more projects for funding under AIBP has been targeted. Additionally, funding of two National projects, namely Lakhwar and Renuka projects has also been approved. Creation of 13.88 lakh hectare irrigation potential under AIBP and 30.23 lakh cultivable command area coverage under CAD&WM has been envisaged for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26.

**ii. PMKSY-Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP):** Creation of 3.7 lakh hectare of irrigation potential and taking up new projects to create 0.8 lakh hectare of irrigation potential for coverage through surface minor irrigation and repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies has been approved for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26.

**iii. PMKSY-Watershed Development Component (WD):** Completion of sanctioned projects covering 49.5 lakh hectare rainfed/ degraded lands under watershed development component of PMKSY, along with 2.5 lakh hectare

additional area to be brought under protective irrigation, has been approved for implementation for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Further, 6 more projects have been included under PMKSY-AIBP from 2021-22 onwards. Besides above projects, Central Assistance is also being provided for few Special / National Projects namely Renukaji, Lakhwar, Shahpur Kandi, Polavaram National Projects and Relining of Rajasthan Feeder and Sirhind Feeder of Punjab under PMKSY-AIBP.

(2) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) Scheme which focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation namely Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation systems. Central Assistance released under PDMC scheme for Maharashtra during 2022-23 was Rs.334.00 crore, which led to 1.28 lakh hectare of land coverage under micro irrigation.

(3) Govt. of India has also approved a Special Package for Maharashtra, which provides Central Assistance to complete 83 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) projects and 8 Major / Medium Irrigation Projects in drought prone districts in Vidarbha, Marathwada and rest of Maharashtra. During 2018-19 to 2022-23, an irrigation potential of 1.65 lakh hectare has been created through Special Package for Maharashtra.

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