

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1814**  
ANSWERED ON 28.11.2019

**SHORTAGE OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION IN TRIBAL AREAS**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the forest land allotted to the tribal people in the tribal dominated areas of the country, for agriculture are facing shortage of water for irrigating the land;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has prepared or proposes to prepare any programme to address the shortage of water for irrigation of forest land allotted to the tribal farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (d) Water resources development and management, including irrigation programmes in tribal dominated areas are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. To supplement their efforts and to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources, the Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments through various schemes and programmes.

The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR) has taken up measures to cover tribal areas with the irrigation projects and schemes being implemented under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). Under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), 21 out of the 99 prioritized projects benefitted the districts falling in tribal areas. The ultimate irrigation potential of these 21 projects is 10.73 Lakh hectare. Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) and Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies schemes have been extended to tribal areas, Left Wing Extremist affected areas, drought prone areas with a more liberal funding pattern. Under the Ground Water Irrigation scheme, priority is being given to SC/ST and women farmers.

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