

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 696

ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025

IRRIGATION COVERAGE IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) the total area brought under irrigation through major and minor irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu particularly in Dharmapuri district during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilized for enhancing irrigation facilities in Tamil Nadu under various Central and State schemes during the said period with specific figures for the Dharmapuri Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (c) whether the Government has set any targets for expanding irrigation coverage in Tamil Nadu for the current fiscal year and if so, the details thereof, district-wise with specific reference to Dharmapuri; and
- (d) the specific steps taken by the Government to modernize and upgrade existing irrigation infrastructure in Tamil Nadu and ensure equitable distribution of water among farmers with a focus on Dharmapuri district?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Water resources projects are planned, executed, funded and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. Role of Government of India is limited to being catalytic, extending technical support and providing partial financial assistance to a few identified projects under the ongoing schemes of this Ministry.

The details of projects implemented under various Central and State schemes in irrigation sector along with details of area brought under irrigation in Tamil Nadu and Dharmapuri Lok Sabha Constituency are given in **Annexure-I**.

(b) The details of funds allocated and utilized for enhancing irrigation facilities in Tamil Nadu under various Central and State schemes in Tamil Nadu and Dharmapuri Lok Sabha Constituency are given in **Annexure-II**.

(c) As reported by the State Government, there are no targets set for expanding irrigation coverage in Tamil Nadu and Dharmapuri Lok Sabha Constituency for the current fiscal year.

(d) Various projects have been undertaken by the Government to modernize and upgrade existing irrigation infrastructure in Tamil Nadu. This includes projects of Extension, Renovation, and Modernization (ERM) and Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project (TNIAMP). Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project has also been implemented in Dharmapuri district.

In addition, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) implemented under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna, total 12,38,365 ha area has been covered under micro irrigation during 2015-2025, in Tamil Nadu.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 696 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2025 REGARDING “IRRIGATION COVERAGE IN TAMIL NADU”

Details in respect of Tamil Nadu

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Scheme (Central/State)	Area brought under Irrigation in Hectare in last 3-4 years
1.	Formation of Flood Carrier Canal from Kannadian Channel	Partial funding under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana - Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP)	3,264
2.	Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of water bodies (Phases IV to IX)	Partial funding under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana-Her Khet Ko Pani (PMKSY-HKKP)	9,540
3.	Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project (TNIAMP)*	State scheme	5,43,000
4.	Barrage in river Kollidam	State scheme	10,945
5.	Athikadavu-Avinashi scheme	-do-	9,902
6.	Flood surplus diversion from Mettur dam	-do-	1,715
7.	ERM in Noyyal sub basin	-do-	2,833
8.	ERM in Kattalai canal	-do-	9,621
9.	ERM in Rajavoikkal irrigation system	-do-	5,174
10.	ERM in Lower Bhavani	-do-	1,00,057
11.	ERM in Cauvery basin	-do-	1,89,127
12.	ERM in Grand Anicut	-do-	92,054

*Project covers only stabilization of irrigation area over a period of 7years since 2018.

Details in respect of Dharmapuri Lok Sabha Constituency, Tamil Nadu

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Scheme (Central/State)	Area brought under Irrigation in Hectare in last 3 years
1.	RRR-Phase-VI	Partial funding under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana-Her Khet Ko Pani (PMKSY-HKKP)	678
2.	RRR-Phase-VIII	Partial funding under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana-Her Khet Ko Pani (PMKSY-HKKP)	152
3.	Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project- III (TNIAMP-III)*	State scheme	834

*Project covers only stabilization of irrigation area over a period of 7years since 2018.

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 696 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2025 REGARDING “IRRIGATION COVERAGE IN TAMIL NADU”

Details in respect of Tamil Nadu

Sl. No.	State Scheme & Year	Fund (Rs. in Crore)	Expenditure (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Plan Scheme (2022-2025)	12,946.02	11,485.87

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Details in respect of Dharmapuri Lok Sabha Constituency, Tamil Nadu

Sl. No.	State Scheme & Year	Fund (Rs. in Crore)	Expenditure (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Plan Scheme (2022-2025)	86.38	51.99
