

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2213**

ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026

**IRRIGATION POTENTIAL AND WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS**

2213. SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL:

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

- (a) the total Irrigation Potential Created and the Irrigation Potential Utilised at present; and
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for proper repair and maintenance of water distribution systems from dams to ensure that water reaches each farm, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Irrigation potential created in the country through Major and Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects and Extension, Renovation and Modernisation (ERM) projects in the country is 47.62 million hectares, as per the "Register for Major and Medium Irrigation Projects" published in year 2024 by the Central Water Commission (CWC). Irrigation potential created in the country through minor irrigation is 88.84 million hectares, as per "6th Minor Irrigation Census" published by the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation. Total gross irrigated area in the country during year 2023-24 is 130.548 million hectares, as per "Land Use Statistics 2023-24", published by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

(b) Government of India has launched the 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.

Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) is dedicated to creation, restoration and stabilization of irrigation potential in the country through completion of major and medium irrigation projects.

Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) of irrigation projects are also undertaken under AIBP component of PMKSY, wherein repair and maintenance of canals and distribution network is undertaken for restoration and enhancement of irrigation potential of the project.

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