

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6214**

ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026

**IRRIGATION INITIATIVES AND ITS IMPACT ON FARMERS' INCOME**

6214. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK DEV:

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government in recent years to augment irrigation facilities for farmers, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the status of adoption of such interventions, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) whether the impact of such interventions on farmers' income has been evaluated, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) to (c)** Water being a State subject, it is for the concerned State Government to plan, implement, operate and manage irrigation projects, and to prepare action plans for expanding irrigation in the State. The Government of India provides technical support and partial financial assistance to projects included under ongoing schemes.

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was launched during the year 2015-16, with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable areas under assured irrigation, improve on-farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices, etc. Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) and Har Khet Ko Paani (HKKP) are two major components of PMKSY, being implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Additional irrigation potential of 29.23 lakh hectare has been created under PMKSY-AIBP and 22.21 lakh hectare command area has been developed under PMKSY HKKP-CAD&WM during 2016-25. 5.57 lakh hectare irrigation potential has been created/restored under Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) and Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies (RRR) sub-components of PMKSY-HKKP during 2016-25.

State-wise details of irrigation potential created and command area developed under different components of PMKSY are placed at **Annexure**.

Further, a special package for Maharashtra for the completion of eight (08) major and medium irrigation projects and eighty-three (83) surface minor irrigation schemes in suicide prone districts in Vidarbha and Marathwada and rest of Maharashtra region of the state of Maharashtra was sanctioned in July 2018. Three (03) major and medium projects and seventy (70) surface minor irrigation schemes have been completed. 2.16 lakh hectare irrigation potential has been developed under this scheme.

In addition, a pilot scheme viz. Modernisation of Command Area Development and Water Management (MCAD) has been launched with aim to modernize irrigation water supply network with robust backend infrastructure for micro-irrigation by farmers from established source to the farm gate with underground pressurized piped irrigation.

These initiatives have improved the reach and reliability of irrigation water at the farm level. Enhanced command area development and adoption of micro-irrigation have led to better water use efficiency, expansion of irrigated area, and increased cropping intensity, thereby contributing to higher agricultural productivity and improved farmers' incomes.

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**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6214 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.04.2026 REGARDING “IRRIGATION INITIATIVES AND ITS IMPACT ON FARMERS’ INCOME”.

Irrigation potential created and command area developed during 2016-25 under different components of PMKSY

Irrigation Potential/ Command Area are in thousand hectares

Sl. No.	State/UT	Irrigation potential developed under PMKSY-AIBP	Command Area Developed under PMKSY-CAD&WM	Irrigation potential created/restored under PMKSY-HKPP
1	Andhra Pradesh	24.33	0.93	1.47
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	26.49
3	Assam	39.74	25.4	137.29
4	Bihar	32.2	19.13	56.46
5	Chhattisgarh	18.17	13.26	4.87
6	Goa	4.24	8.21	-
7	Gujarat	614.9	1048.79	3.9
8	Himachal Pradesh	0.96	-	33.51
9	Jharkhand	95.32	0	6.09
10	Karnataka	116.86	42.94	11.73
11	Kerala	2.9	13.28	-
12	Madhya Pradesh	198.61	420.9	39.83
13	Maharashtra	416.27	279.27	-
14	Manipur	26.47	17.07	18.55
15	Meghalaya	-	-	30.72
16	Mizoram	-	-	2.17
17	Nagaland	-	-	13.36
18	Odisha	102.33	106.48	40.36
19	Punjab	223.63	101.72	-
20	Rajasthan	27.94	103.48	19.01
21	Sikkim	-	-	5.18
22	Tamil Nadu	7.6	-	13.96
23	Telangana	195.79	10.68	25.55
24	Uttar Pradesh	768.63	7.32	2.35
25	Uttarakhand	0	-	29.92
26	UT of Jammu & Kashmir	6.52	2.05	29.39
27	UT of Ladakh	0	0	4.89
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2923.41</b>	<b>2220.91</b>	<b>557.05</b>

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