

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 850**  
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2016

**CREATION OF IRRIGATION POTENTIAL**

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the irrigation potential created in the country during each of the Five Year Plans, plan-wise;
- (b) the irrigation potential likely to be created by the projects presently under construction, project-wise;
- (c) the expected date of completion of each of the projects; and
- (d) the steps proposed to achieve the set targets in the stipulated time-frame?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION  
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(a) The details of the irrigation potential created during each of the Five Year Plans, Plan- wise; is enclosed as **Annexure I**.

(b) to (d) Water resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme etc. The Government of India has launched the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichai Yojana (PMKSY) during 2015-16 to provide irrigation facilities for irrigation in the agricultural fields. The Scheme of AIBP is now a part of PMKSY.

Presently there are 149 ongoing projects under AIBP, out of which 99 projects have been identified in consultation with states, to be completed in phases by Dec., 2019. For completion of these projects in a mission mode, innovative funding mechanism through NABARD is envisaged. The list of these 99 projects along with details of, irrigation potential, targeted year of completion etc. is given at **Annexure II**.

**Annexure-I as mentioned in the part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Qu. No. 850 Regarding Creation of Irrigation Potential due for reply on 21.07.2016**

**Plan-wise Position of Irrigation Potential Created (MHa)**

<b>Plan</b>	<b>Potential Created (Mha)</b>
<b>Upto 1951 (Pre-Plan)</b>	<b>22.60</b>
<b>I Plan (1951-1956)</b>	<b>3.66</b>
<b>II Plan (1956-1961)</b>	<b>2.82</b>
<b>III Plan (1961-1966)</b>	<b>4.49</b>
<b>Annul Plans (1966-1969)</b>	<b>3.53</b>
<b>IV Plan (1969-1974)</b>	<b>7.10</b>
<b>V Plan (1974-1978)</b>	<b>7.82</b>
<b>Annual Plans (1978-1980)</b>	<b>4.59</b>
<b>VI Plan (1980-1985)</b>	<b>8.61</b>
<b>VII Plan (1985-1990)</b>	<b>11.31</b>
<b>Annual Plans (1990-1992)</b>	<b>4.56</b>
<b>VIII Plan (1992-1997)</b>	<b>5.17</b>
<b>IX Plan (1997-2002)</b>	<b>7.69</b>
<b>X Plan (2002-2007)</b>	<b>7.79</b>
<b>XI Plan (2007-2012)</b>	<b>11.79</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113.53</b>

Source: CWC Publication "Water & Related Statistics, 2015"

