

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 815

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PROJECTS TO ENHANCE IRRIGATION CAPACITY

†815. Smt. SANDHYA RAY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any comprehensive action plan to ensure scientific and coordinated utilisation of the waters of the Chambal Basin in view of the fact that despite the availability of sufficient water in several areas including Bhind and Datia districts of Madhya Pradesh located along the Chambal River, problems related to irrigation and drinking water persist due to lack of proper rainwater harvesting and distribution infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes any new projects to increase the irrigation capacity in Bhind and Datia districts; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) Water being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to plan, implement and manage irrigation projects, and to formulate appropriate action plans for expanding irrigation coverage within the State. The role of the Government of India is to providing technical support and partial financial assistance for identified projects under the ongoing schemes.

The Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed the status of new irrigation projects benefitting Bhind and Datia districts as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Irrigation Benefits in Bhind and Datia Districts	Stage of implementation
1.	Ken–Betwa Link Project (Phase-II)	16,928 hectare in Datia district	Construction
2.	Maa Ratangarh Multipurpose Irrigation Project	47,281 hectare in Bhind district and 4,996 hectare in Datia district	Construction
3.	Kanera Lift Irrigation Scheme	15,500 hectare and drinking water to 13 villages in Bhind district	Construction
4.	Nunhata Stop Dam	210 hectare in Bhind district	Tender
