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**1,17,968 Ha land has been brought under assured irrigation**

In order to facilitate cultivation in the state, 1,17,968 Ha land out of 2,55,241 cultivable land has been brought under assured irrigation as on 31.03.2021 by different departments which is 46.218% of the cultivable area. Among them total potential created by PWD (Water Resources) is 81,778 Ha land. The present state government paying special emphasis on accelerated growth in irrigation, launched “Chief Minister’s Assured Irrigation Programme” to bring additional 56,000 Ha land under assured irrigation within 5 years with effect from 2020-21 to 2024-25. Out of 56,000 Ha, PWD (Water Resources) department is to bring 36,000 Ha command area under assured irrigation within 2024-25 and remaining 20,000 Ha shall be brought under assured irrigation jointly by Agriculture, TTAADC and Rural Development departments.

PWD (Water Resources) department has planned to construct 122 MI storage schemes, 13 LI schemes, 7 diversion schemes, 25 Pick-Up-Weirs, 5000 SBTW schemes and 200 DTW schemes by 2024-25. The department has recently got sanction of 1121 Small Bore Tube Wells, 93 DTWs, 24 MI storage schemes and 4 diversion schemes. Project proposals for construction of 2310 SBTWs and 5 LI schemes is under consideration of Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. Apart from this, DPR for construction of 119 Deep Tube Wells has been submitted for sanction under RIDF scheme of NABARD. DPR for remaining projects are under preparation.

A DPR for construction of 2 major Dam on the upstream of River Howrah at Champaknagar and Champaibari over Champaicherra to create 2 Rain Water Harvesting Reservoirs on the upper catchment of River Howrah is under preparation. On completion, this project will create irrigation facility to 700 Ha land approx. and will also recharge the ground with water. These 2 dams will minimize flood in Agartala city to some extent. On the other hand, the water reservoirs will provide drinking water to the people of Agartala and will help boost Pisciculture.

In the Flood Management Sector, the department is implementing flood management works to save and protect both governmental and private properties from flood. So far, the department has constructed 154.41 km embankment to protect towns, habitations, public utilities and important agricultural land from flood water. This was informed by the Chief Engineer, PWD (WR), Agartala.

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