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## **Media Release**

### **Jharkhand's Agriculture on Improvement Mode**

### **Agri Min to RS MP Nathwaniji**

**July 31, 2010** : About 10.1 per cent of the total sown area of Jharkhand is under irrigation as per the available estimate. The total irrigated area in the State rose to 2.41 lakh hectare in 2007-08; which was only 2.31 lakh hectare during 2003-04. However the total percentage of irrigated area over the total sown area remained around ten per cent in last five years; as the total sown area increased from 21.58 lakh hectare to 23.91 lakh hectare during this period.

This was stated by Prof. K. V. Thomas, the union minister of state for agriculture in rajya sabha. He was in reply to the fleet of questions on the State's agriculture from Mr. Parimal Nathwani, the rajya sabha member from Jharkhand.

The minister also stated that the overall agriculture growth rate in Jharkhand in the last decade (1999-2000 to 2008-09) was on a positive 1.9 per cent. Several irrigation projects were being implemented in the State under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) to improve irrigation facilities, he added.

Various schemes aiming at water conservation and management such as National Watershed Development Project for Rain fed Areas (NWDPR), Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded lands in the catchments of River Valley Projects & Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR) and Micro Irrigation were also under implementation by the ministry of agriculture to increase the agricultural production and productivity in the State, it was informed.

