

# Nod to extend irrigation scheme for five years

## Only 46% of PMKSY projects completed

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The Cabinet has given its approval to extend its umbrella scheme for irrigation, water supply, ground water and watershed development projects for another five years.

Less than half of the identified irrigation projects have been completed since the scheme – Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) – began in 2015, according to Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

The extension of PMKSY till 2026 will cost ₹93,068 crore, benefit 22 lakh farm-

ers and fund dams critical for water supply to Delhi and five other States in the upper Yamuna basin, said an official statement from the Cabinet Committee for Economic Affairs.

“In 2015-16, 99 projects were identified which were completed more than 50% but had been pending for years. Of the 99 projects, 46 have been completed. The rest of the projects will be completed by 2024-25,” Mr. Shekhawat told journalists after the Cabinet decision.

The additional irrigation potential creation target over the next five years is 13.88 lakh hectares.