

**STUDY ON STATUS, IMPACT AND DETERMINANTS  
OF  
FARMERS' PARTICIPATION IN IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT**

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## PREFACE

The Institute for Resource Management and Economic Development (IRMED), Delhi, conducted a study on Status, Impact and Determinants of Farmers' Participation in Irrigation Management in India. The study was sponsored by the Planning Commission, Government of India. It was started in September 1997 and completed in January 1999. As data and information available from secondary sources were inadequate in certain respects and non-existent in others, the study relied mainly on fresh data and information from primary sources. Four States of Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamilnadu were selected for detailed study involving collection of primary data through field surveys. A draft report of the study was submitted to Planning Commission in January 1999 inviting comments on the findings and suggestions. These were received in the beginning of July 1999. The draft report was accordingly revised in the light of the comments and suggestions received, as well as review of by the Institute itself. A revised draft was submitted to Planning Commission in July 1999. This was approved by the Planning Commission. A suggestion was, however, made that some of the sections of the last chapter could be shown as separate chapters. The present report has been finalised in the light of these suggestions given in the report would prove to be of much use for policy formulation.

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## **ACRONYMS AND TERMS**

AED	Agricultural Engineering Department
AKRSP	Aga Khan Rural Support Project
ARP	Action Research Programme
CAD	Command Area Development
BFA	Beneficiary Farmers Association
CADA	Command Area Development Authority
CAPART	Council for Advancement of Peoples' Action and Rural Technology
CCA	Cultural Command Area
Chak	Land covered by an outlet of one cuses
Cuses	Cubic feet per second
CWR	Center for Water Resources
Dalpati	Group Leader of group tubewell members
DLC	Distributary Level Committee
DRDA	District Rural Development Agency
FO	Farmers Organisation
FODP	Farmers Organisation Development Programme
FPIM	Farmers Participation in Irrigation Management
GCA	Gross Command Area
GWRDC	Gujrat Water Resources Development Corporation
Ha/Hect	Hectare
HALWD	Hill Area Land and Water Development
HRD	Human Resource Development
ICA	Irrigation Command Area
ICO	Irrigation Community Organiser
ID	Irrigation Department
JMS	Joint Management Survey

IIMI	International Irrigation Management Institute
IMTI	Irrigation Management Training Institute
IRMED	Institute for Resource Management and Economic Development
ISPAN	Irrigation Support Project for Asia and the Near East
Kudimaramath	Indigenous system of voluntary labour in Tamilnadu
KVS	Krishak Vikas Sangh
LI	Lift Irrigation
M.cft.	Million Cubic Feet
M.cum	Million Cubic Metre
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
O & M	Operation and Maintenance
OFD	On Farm Department
Panchayat	Village level body for administration and development
PIM	Participatory Irrigation Management
PRI	Panchayati Raj Institutions
RWS	Rotational Water Supply
SWDF	Sdguru Water Development Foundation
TCM	Thousand Cubic Metre
TN	Tamilnadu
TW	Tubewell
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
VASFA	Vaishali Area Small Farmers Association
VLC	Village Level Committee
WALMI	Water and Land Management Institute
Warabandi	System of water rotation on an watercourse
WRD	Water Resources Department
WUA	Water Users Association

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**SECTION 1**

**INTRODUCTORY**