

CHAPTER-V

AVAILABILITY OF WATER : DRINKING & IRRIGATION PURPOSES

HIGHLIGHTS

- The annual rainfall in 2008 varied from 309.6 mm in Rajasthan West to 3335.2 mm in Andaman & Nicobar islands
- The rural population was more benefited by water supply scheme. About 421 million persons were benefited in 1990-91 and it increased to 693 million in 2002-03 whereas in urban areas 115 million and 233 million persons were benefited in 1981 and 2000 respectively.
- The total damage due to flood was recorded of Rs. 52.4 lakh in 1953 which increased to Rs. 2822.2 lakh in 2005.
- In case of major & medium irrigation (surface water), potential created increased from 27695 thousand hectare as on 1985 to 42277 thousand hectare as on 2007.
- In case of minor irrigation (surface water), potential created increased from 9697 thousand hectare as on 1985 to 14116 thousand hectare as on 2007 and in case of minor irrigation (ground water), the corresponding figures of potential created were 27823 thousand hectare and 66870 thousand hectare.