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Results of a survey conducted in Bellary taluk to analyse the causes associated with the non-utilisation of irrigation water from H.L.C. are discussed. The study included interviews with 50 users and 50 non-users of high level canal irrigation selected by purposive random sampling. The results of the study revealed that non-users were older in age, lower in socio- economic status and had poor contact with change agents. Lack of money for levelling, complex loan procedures, small land holdings and lack of experience about irrigation were found to be important reasons.