

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WATER SHED SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of water shed scheme in Mohanlal Ganj and Kheri Lakhimpur districts of U.P.;
- (b) the number of reservoirs and stop dams built in the districts under this scheme and the land brought under plantation;
- (c) the number of villages where water level has been reinforced through this water shed scheme; and
- (d) the details of the progress made also in the field of fodder production in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES)
(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) There is no scheme titled as `Watershed Scheme`. However, the Department of Land Resources is implementing the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme for the development of wastelands/degraded lands on watershed basis. Under the Programme, two projects have been sanctioned in the district of Kheri Lakhimpur of Uttar Pradesh. The first project was sanctioned for development of an area of 12240 ha. at a total cost of Rs. 489.60 lakhs from 1998-99 to 2001-2002. An amount of Rs.122.40 lakhs has been released till date for this project. The second project was sanctioned for development of an area of 12104 ha. at a total cost of Rs. 484.10 lakhs from 1999- 2000 to 2003-2004. An amount of Rs.72.62 lakhs has been released till date for this project. No project has been sanctioned in Mohanlal Ganj under this programme.

(b),(c) & (d) Under the Guidelines for Watershed Development, the major interventions among others are :-

- (i) Insitu soil and moisture conservation through low cost, locally available technology.
- (ii) Drainage line treatment;
- (iii) Small water harvesting structures;
- (iv) Afforestation, Agro-forestry, horticultural development and Pasture development, etc. The effect and impact of these interventions are general and gradual in nature and can be felt only after the projects are completed and interventions are in position for some time thereafter. The structures are decided in the course of project implementation by the Watershed Committees in close interaction with Watershed Development Team, etc.