

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6943  
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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT .  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Kabani Riverbed Soil and Water conservation project sanctioned in 1998 is assisted by the Union Government and is spread in Karnataka and wayanad in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total cost and main purpose of this project;
- (d) the time by which it is expected to be completed; and
- (e) the amount sanctioned and released for this project from the Union Government?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Kabani catchment has been included under ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects during 1998-99. The catchment area of 1.64 lakh hectare of Kabani falls in Kerala and 0.49 lakh hectare in Karnataka. The main purpose of the scheme is to reduce silt flow into the reservoir and improving the productivity of degraded areas. Survey work to determine treatable area have been completed in Kerala whereas it is in progress in Karnataka. The time for completion could be decided only after completion of surveys and availability of funds under the scheme. The work has already started in surveyed portion of Kerala.

(e) Government has released an amount of Rs.108.88 lakh out of sanctioned amount of Rs.163.00 lakh during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 considering balance amount available with State.