

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2867  
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GRAMEENA JALASAMVARDHANE SCHEME IN KARNATAKA  
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to spend Rs. 1,200 crore in Karnataka on the Grameena Jalasamvardhane Scheme launched by the Prime Minister on Independence Day;
- (b) if so, the total amount earmarked for South Zone;
- (c) whether some schemes were discussed during the meeting of the All India Irrigation Ministers in the recent past;
- (d) if so, whether the Government of Karnataka has urged the Union Government for financial assistance for irrigation projects under Accelerated Benefit Programme; and
- (e) if so, the schemes that are being financed by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) The Prime Minister in his address to the Nation on Independence Day – 2002 has stated that a scheme viz. "Pradhan Mantri Grammen Jal Samvardhan Yojna" would be unveiled shortly. The scheme is under formulation and details are being worked out.

(c) In the last meeting of the Irrigation/Water Resources Ministers of all States and Union Territories held on 24th September, 2001, the draft National Water Policy was discussed and finalised.

(d) & (e) Government of India is providing financial assistance to Government of Karnataka under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme for the schemes, namely Upper Krishna Stage-I; Upper Krishna Stage-II; Malprabha; Ghatprabha; Gandorinala; Hirehalla; Karanja and Maskinala. Accordingly, Central Loan Assistance (CLA) amounting to Rs. 185 crore has been released to the Government of Karnataka so far during the year 2002-2003.