

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4219
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NGOS UNDER WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of NGOs recognised for the watershed projects during the last three years, State-wise especially in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of NGOs proposed to be recognized for these projects this year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the watershed programmes undertaken by the NGOs in various parts of the country are steeped in corruption, in the absence of physical audits;
- (d) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (e) whether the grants for watershed development programmes given by the Union Government to NGOs have been siphoned off;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether any physical verification of proper use of grants have been undertaken by the Government so far; and
- (h) if not, the steps taken by the Government to check the role of NGOs who are siphoning off funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

- (a) to (h) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.