

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES TO INCREASE WATER RESOURCES

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

- (a) the details of centrally sponsored schemes being implemented in the country to assist the State Governments to increase water resources including rain water harvesting;
- (b) the allocations made and the funds released to the State Governments during each of the last three years, till-date, scheme- wise; and
- (c) the achievements made so far by the State Governments in implementing the schemes?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a)to(c) Water being a State subject, water resources schemes are planned, investigated, formulated, implemented and funded by the State Governments of their own resources and as per their priorities. To help the State Governments in their efforts to harness the water from natural resources and accelerate creation of irrigation potential by early completion of ongoing irrigation schemes, Government of India has launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 to provide Central Loan Assistance. During last three years, an amount of Rs.7519.8836 crore has been released under AIBP to various States. Under the Centrally sponsored Command Area Development Scheme initiated in 1974-75, an amount of Rs. 451.8299 crore has been released from 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 for 28 States. Besides, Government of India is also promoting rain water harvesting through Watershed Management Programme, artificial recharge of ground water and roof-top rain water harvesting under the sector reform project of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme under the Ministry of Rural Development for which technical and financial assistance is provided to the State Governments and other implementing agencies. Central Ground Water Board has taken up a Central Sector Scheme on "Studies of Recharge of Ground Water" on pilot basis, under which 174 schemes have been approved in various parts of the country during Ninth Five Year Plan. The Scheme has been proposed to be extended during the Tenth Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs.150 crore. The Ministry of Water Resources has prepared a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Artificial Recharge of Ground Water and Rain Water Harvesting" at an estimated cost of Rs.3000 crore with funding pattern of 90:10 between the Centre and beneficiaries for implementation during X Five Year Plan and referred it to the Planning Commission for their 'in principle' approval.