

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL WATERSHED POLICY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to link National Watershed Policy to the technology mission of pulses, oilseed and cotton;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of implementation of the proposal; and
- (d) the action plan finalised for the next five years to evolve and implement an integrated natural resource management strategy addressing issues like soil, water and country's bio-diversity and their use in a sustainable manner?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The National Agriculture Policy (July 2000) includes the policy on Watershed Development in Rainfed Areas. It provides that integrated and holistic development of rainfed areas will be promoted by conservation of rain water by vegetative measures on watershed basis and augmentation of biomass production through agro and farm forestry with the involvement of the watershed community. Oilseeds, pulses and cotton are generally cultivated in the rainfed areas.

(d): The major Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by various Ministries during X Plan period on watershed basis for development of rainfed areas, drought prone areas, wastelands and degraded forest area are as follows:

A. Ministry of Agriculture

1. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPPRA)
2. Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA)
3. Soil Conservation in the catchment of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers (RVP & FPR)

B. Ministry of Rural Development

4. Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)
5. Desert Development Programme (DDP)
6. Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP)

C. Ministry of Environment & Forests

7. National Afforestation Programme