

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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FARM WATER MANAGEMENT

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `On Farm Water Management` for increasing Crop Production in Eastern India was launched by the Government during 2002-03;
- (b) if so, the main objectives of the said scheme;
- (c) whether the Government provides assistance under the scheme to various States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the assistance provided to each State since its inception, year-wise;
- (e) whether some States particularly Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to provide additional financial assistance to increase crop production under the said scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): A Central Sector Scheme `On farm Water Management for Increasing crop Production in Eastern India` was launched in 10 Eastern States viz. Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, west Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram in March, 2002 to increase the production and productivity of different crops in Eastern India through harnessing of underground and surface water resources.

(c) & (d): Assistance for construction of shallow tubewells with pumpsets, low lift irrigation points, electric/diesel pumping sets and dugwells in the plateau regions was provided to farmers under the scheme. The allocation under the scheme to different States since inception is given in the Annexure.

(e) & (f): The scheme was not implemented in Maharashtra. The scheme has been discontinued since 1st April, 2006.