

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EVDO GERMAN BILATERAL PROJECT ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Indo-German Bilateral Project on Watershed Management is being implemented in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether hi-tech weather stations and the representative watersheds have been completed under the said project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- (e) the expenditure incurred on each of the stations and watersheds in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (e) An Indo-German Bilateral Project (IGBP) on Watershed Management was launched in June 1989 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of India with the main objective of installation of hydrologic and sediment monitoring equipments in selected watersheds of the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers (RVP & FPR). During the second phase of the project, some need based innovative soil and water conservation measures in selected Representative Watersheds (RWS) were taken up. This project continued till 30th June 2005.

Under IGBP, the programme was implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranachal. The following main activities were taken up under the project: -

- (i) Establishment of 37 Sediment Monitoring Stations.
- (ii) Establishment of 5 Hi-tech Weather Stations (HWS) in the States of Gujarat, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu,
- (iii) Implementation of soil conservation measures in 9 Representative Watersheds (RWS) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranachal and Tamil Nadu.
- (iv) About 345 officials working for Soil Conservation Programmes in different States have been trained in India and 62 Senior/Junior Officers have been trained in Germany.

Under this project, most of the assistance was provided in kind in the form of expertise and training.