

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for increasing agriculture production by developing low lying areas or water-logging areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the names of water logging areas in Begusarai district of Bihar which are likely to be brought under the said scheme for reclamation of land by providing proper drainage system;
- (d) whether the Government has received any foreign assistance for drainage system in these water logged areas of Bihar; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Centrally sponsored Command Area Development (CAD) Programme was launched in the country during the year 1974- 75 with objectives of bridging the gap between irrigation potential created and that utilized; and increasing agricultural production and productivity from irrigated land etc. Under the scheme, reclamation of waterlogged areas in the irrigated command area of the approved project was included as a new component with effect from 1.4.1996. Since then number of proposals received from the States for reclamation of waterlogged areas have been approved by the Government of India as per details given below:

Sl.No. State Number of Approved Schemes Area to be reclaimed
(in thousand hectares)

1	Bihar	77	13.958
2	Gujarat	7	1.290
3	J & K	4	9.684
4	Karnataka	51	3.284
5	Kerala	265	20.820
6	Madhya Pradesh	6	1.437
7	Maharashtra	4	0.196
8	Orissa	15	1.133
9	Uttar Pradesh	12	5.321

Total 441 57.123

Besides Government of India has sanctioned in February, 2004, a centrally sponsored scheme on improvement of Drainage in Critical Areas of the Country estimated to cost Rs. 54.57 crore with a central share of Rs. 49.62 crore to take up works relating to improvement of drainage in Critical Areas of the Country. The Scheme aims to improve the Drainage conditions of critical areas affected due to floods in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh.

(c): Waterlogging Scheme from Begusarai district have not been received from the State Government of Bihar.

(d) & (e): No proposal for foreign assistance for drainage schemes in waterlogged area in the State of Bihar has been received in this Ministry.