

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FPARPS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented Farmer's Participatory Action Research Programme;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives of the programme;
- (c) whether the programme has achieved its target;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Water Resources approved Farmers' Participatory Action Research Programme (FPARP) involving 5000 Crop demonstrations at a cost of Rs. 24.4685 crore with the help of 60 institutes viz. Agricultural Universities, Institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Water and Land Management Institutes (WALMIS) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). The objective of the programme is to demonstrate increase in yield and income per drop of water by generating synergy among water, variety, agronomic practices etc. Preliminary report on assessment of the demonstrations by the Institutes has indicated substantial water saving and increase in yield of crops as per details in the annexure.