

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF FARM PONDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides loan/grant-in-aid under Khet Tarai Yojana for construction of farm ponds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount of grant-in-aid given to Rajasthan under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether any target has been fixed under the scheme for the said period and for the coming years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (e): Government of India has been providing assistance to the States including Rajasthan for construction of farm ponds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR), Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR), Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). In addition, Rainfed Areas Development Programme (RADP) and the programme of Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses Villages in Rainfed Areas have also been introduced as sub schemes of RKVY during 2011-12 under which the assistance is provided for construction of farm ponds.

The details of scheme-wise assistance provided to Rajasthan are Annexed.

Government of India allocates the funds every year under the above mentioned schemes for different interventions including farm ponds and States decide the physical targets and against and outlay approved by GOI as per their requirements. However, under Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses Villages in Rainfed areas Programme construction of 2200 numbers of new farm ponds in Rajasthan state is targeted during 2011-12.