

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3151  
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WATER CONSERVATION MECHANISM BY PANCHAYATS  
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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government proposes to encourage and incentivise Gram Panchayats to adopt community water conservation mechanism and drip irrigation techniques: and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(SHRI V.KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

(a) and (b): There is no proposal before the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to encourage and incentivise Gram Panchayats to adopt community water conservation mechanism and drip irrigation techniques. Department of Land Resources is, however, implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) in which soil & water conservation is one of the activities. Similarly Ministry of Agriculture is also implementing various Watershed Development Programmes, with main objectives of soil & water conservation, prevention of soil erosion and land degradation, through different State Governments across the country.