

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1492
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TUBEWELL PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the million tube well programme is being run with the help of central assistance in various States including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, whether this programme has been reviewed;
- (c) if so, the number of farmers benefited from this programme in various States including Maharashtra;
- (d) whether the pace of the implementation of said programme is very slow;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government for the smooth function of the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): The "Million tube well programme" is not assisted under any Central Sector or Centrally Sponsored Scheme. However, during 2001-02 to 2006-07, under the Special Plan for Bihar, "Million Shallow Tube well Programme" was implemented, the details of which are at the Annexure. Also Central assistance is provided to the States under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for a menu of options, which also includes shallow and medium deep tube wells, but not specifically targeting million tube wells.

(c) to (f): The details of the progress made under Special Plan for Bihar are given in the Annexure. Under RKVY, no specific targets have been set up for any component including tube wells. Instead the States have been given flexibility to draw, sanction and implement their own plan keeping in view the specific requirements of the State. The States have appreciated the in-built flexibility in the design of the RKVY. During 2010-11 and 2011-12, Maharashtra has been allocated Central assistance of Rs 605.00 crore and Rs 647.96 crore respectively under RKVY.

ANNEXURE TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1492 RAISED BY SHRI MAROTRAO SAINUJI KOWASE FOR REPLY ON 30.11.2011.

MILLION SHALLOW TUBEWELL PROGRAMME (MSTP) UNDER THE SPECIAL PLAN FOR BIHAR

The objective of this project was to install one million shallow tube wells with pump sets to bring an additional two million hectare of land under irrigation in order to increase agriculture production and productivity in Bihar. The implementing agency for this project was National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). This project was approved by the Planning Commission in March, 2002 and was in operation till 31.3.2007. The progress under the programme is as under:

- (i) During the year 2006-07, the achievement as on 31.3.2007 was 72,734 units against the target of 1,60,000 units (45.46%).
- (ii) The cumulative physical achievement as on 31.3.2007 was reported to be 4,07,532 units against the target of 6,97,111 units (58.46%).
- (iii) The total subsidy released by the Planning Commission to NABARD was Rs 544.64 crore.
- (iv) The total unspent subsidy available with NABARD is Rs 263.19 crore.

The programme was closed on 31.3.2007 and is now replaced by Bihar Ground Water Irrigation Scheme (BGWIS). This scheme was allowed by the Planning Commission to be implemented with the unspent amount available with NABARD under the MSTP.