

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR SOIL CONSERVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any financial assistance is provided to States for effective conservation of soil;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals received from various States during 2010-11 and 2011-12, State-wise; and
- (c) the present status of such proposals, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture is providing financial assistance to State Governments for soil and water conservation through various watershed development programmes, namely; National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas(NWDPPRA) , Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP&FPR), Reclamation and Development of Alkali & Acid Soils (RDAAS) and Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA). Annual Works Plan are prepared by the States based on which funds are allocated for implementation of these programmes. State wise physical & financial achievements during 2010-11 to 2011-12 are annexed.