

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:880  
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CONSTRUCTION OF WATERSHEDS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated a comprehensive scheme for construction of watersheds in the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the number of watersheds sanctioned/constructed under the River Valley Project in Maharashtra so far and in other States separately;
- (d) the total amount sanctioned under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (e) whether the small agriculture watersheds are not being properly utilised;
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the proper utilisation of small watersheds?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing Centrally Sponsored Programme of Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR) on watershed basis through Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme for prevention of soil erosion, land degradation and to improve productivity of agricultural land across the country including Maharashtra.

Under RVP & FPR, watersheds in the range of 1000 to 5000 hectare (micro watersheds) are selected for development on a project basis spread over a period of four to seven years. State-wise numbers of watersheds sanctioned, amount of funds utilised during each of last three years (2009-10 to 2011-12) and funds allocated for current year are Annexed.

(e) to (g): Does not arise.