

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF IWMP

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has requested the States for their cooperation on promoting the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the States for such request;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any targets under the said programme for the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised for various projects under IWMP during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise; and
- (f) the details of action taken in the cases of non utilisation of funds under IWMP?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

- (a) & (b) The Department has been implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) through State Level Nodal Agencies (SLNAs) since 2009-10 and the progress of implementation of IWMP in the States is being reviewed through various National level Conferences and review meetings to emphasise on expediting the pace of implementation of IWMP.
- (c) & (d) The Department of Land Resources has set a target of 25 m ha for implementation of IWMP during 12th Five Year Plan. This target has been allocated into annual targets of 50 lakh ha per year. The state-wise details of annual minimum tentative target allocated for the year 2012-13, are at Annexure-I.
- (e) The details of funds sanctioned/ released and utilised for various projects under IWMP during the Eleventh Five Year Plan & current year as on 31.7.2012, State-wise is at Annexure-II.
- (f) The issue of unspent balance has been pursued with the States at different levels through the various review meetings and conferences as stated at (a) & (b) above.