

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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EUROPEAN UNION WATER PROJECT PROPOSALS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the European Union (EU) has extended its support to India for water project proposals; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the conditions agreed with EU by the Government?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) European Union (EU) has provided assistance of Euro 80 million in the form of grants under State Partnership Programme (SPP) for the State of Rajasthan. The objective of the programme is to promote Integrated Water Resources Management through strengthening of Panchayati Raj institutions. The Financing Agreement was signed between Government of India and EU in August, 2006 and is valid upto December, 2015. As on 31.10.12, disbursement for SPP, Rajasthan is Euro 23.8 million (or ` 142.23 crore) out of Euro 80 million earmarked.

Under the India-EU S&T Cooperation Agreement framework, four India-EU water research projects with matching co-investment of funding (Euro 10 M equivalent) have recently been started. The four Projects are: (i) Natural Water Systems and Treatment Technologies to cope with Water Shortages in Urbanised Areas in India (NAWATECH); (ii) Supporting Consolidation Replication and Up scaling of Sustainable Waste Water Treatment in Reuse Technologies for India" (SARASWATI); (iii) Safeguarding Water Researches in India with Green & Sustainable Technology (SWINGS); and (iv) Energy-efficient, community-based water and wastewater-treatment systems for deployment in India (Eco-India).

In response to the 7th framework programme call (EP7-ENV-2011) of EU, National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Roorkee by joining in a consortium of 20 organizations (11 Indian and 9 Foreign) from 8 countries had submitted a collaborative R & D project entitled "Saph Pani - Enhancement of natural water systems and treatment methods for safe and sustainable water supply in India" and qualified through competitive technical evaluation for receiving EU grants. The Project has a total cost of 47,81,225 â,¬ in which EU's contribution is 34,99,620 â,¬ out of which NIH's allocation is 2,42,044 â,¬ for a duration of 36 months starting from 1st October, 2011. The project is ongoing from 1st October, 2011 with its specific R & D objectives focused to different study areas. The EU's funding in respect of this collaborative R & D project is in the form of grant with specific allocation to each partner as envisaged in the project under different 'Heads" as applicable for scientific projects. The conditions laid down are: about 50% at the start of the project, about 40% based on the progress of work packages, and remaining 10% after submission of the final project report.