

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:360

ANSWERED ON:18.12.2012

NATIONAL WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the various schemes and agencies engaged in the implementation of the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) in the country;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated to various States for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the achievements made by the Government under the NWDPR; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper coordination amongst various agencies/bodies engaged in the implementation of the said scheme/project?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 360 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2012.

(a) to (d): National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) is implemented through the State Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA). Funds for NWDPR are utilized by State Governments from within their overall allocation under MMA. A statement indicating State-wise expenditure under NWDPR during each of the last three years (2009-2010 to 2011-12) and target for current year (2012-13) is annexed.

NWDPR propagates integrated watershed management for developing sustainable farming systems. Since inception (1990-91), an area of about 10.8 million ha has been developed spread over 15,620 micro watersheds in the country. NWDPR has contributed towards higher productivity of crops, prevention of soil loss, groundwater recharge in wells, water bodies and aquifers, enhanced cropping intensity, crop diversification etc.

National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) has formulated Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects to synergize functional partnerships and promote co-ordination among stakeholders and implementing agencies in watershed project areas.