

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has sponsored a new programme of water harvesting under Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP) in an area of 1.5 lakh hectares;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Jharkhand has been included under this scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA)

(a) to (d): No Sir. The Department of Land Resources has not sponsored any new programme of water harvesting under Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP) in an area of 1.5 lakh ha. However, the Department of Land Resources has been implementing three area development programmes namely Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) on watershed basis in rural areas. These three programmes have been integrated and consolidated into a single modified programme called Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) w.e.f. 26.02.2009. IWMP is extended to all the States and UTs including Jharkhand. Major activities undertaken under IWMP include ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rainwater harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development etc. State-wise and year-wise details of projects sanctioned, area covered and funds released under IWMP are given at Annexure-I.

(e): Question does not arise.