

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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WATER TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated any integrated scheme for the entire country to provide adequate quantity of water to farmers as per their crop;
- (b) if so, the nature of the scheme and the number of farmers benefited there from till date;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to formulate any such scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (d) Water is a State subject, irrigation projects are planned and implemented by the respective State Governments through their own resources. However, incentives for implementation of water management programmes are made available to the State Governments through various Central and State Sector Schemes including Command Area Development and Water Management (CAD&WM). Under CADWM programme, farmers are involved through Water Users' Associations (WUAs). 63,167 WUAs have been formed in various States covering an area of 14.620 Mha. under different commands of irrigation projects. Details are at Annexure-I.

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 for development of rain-fed/degraded areas. Major activities undertaken under watershed projects include ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rainwater harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development etc.