

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:567
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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set forth and the achievements made under the National Watershed Development Project in Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) for the development of sustainable farming systems across the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the works undertaken under the said scheme in the country during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) whether the World Bank has sanctioned any loan to the farmers for the development of watershed projects in the western part of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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. 567 DUE FOR REPLY ON 07th May, 2013.

(a) & (b): State wise targets and achievements under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) during the last three years are annexed. This project was a part of the Scheme for Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) which has been discontinued from 1st April, 2013. Activities undertaken under NWDPR are soil & moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, crop production, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development, capacity building, awareness generation, etc. These activities can now be undertaken by each State under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, as per their felt needs and priorities.

(c) & (d): World Bank has not sanctioned any loan to the farmers for the development of watershed projects in the western part of the country.