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NATIONAL WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received assistance from the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank for implementation of schemes under the National Watershed Development Programme across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the assistance received from the external institutions for implementation of schemes under the Programme;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to curtail the Central assistance given to the States for implementation of schemes under the said programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government to encourage the National Watershed Development Programme in various States including Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): At present neither World Bank nor Asian Development Bank are supporting any project under National Watershed Development Programmes. However, there are two State projects having watershed component funded by World Bank which are as under:

(i) Mid Himalayan Watershed Project in Himachal Pradesh (Credit amount US\$ 97 million).

(ii) Karnataka Watershed Development Project II (Credit amount US\$ 60 million).

(c) & (d): There is no proposal to curtail central assistance given to the States for implementation under Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP).

(e): Ministry of Agriculture was implementing two major watershed programmes namely National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) and Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project & Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR) in the country as part of the Scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) which has been discontinued from 1st April, 2013. Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) across the country including Maharashtra. 948 macro watershed projects have been sanctioned for Maharashtra under IWMP covering about 4 million hectare.