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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT IN DROUGHT PRONE AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) The steps taken for watershed development in drought prone areas and programmes implemented thereof, particularly in the State of Odisha and the KBK region therein;
- (b) The funds sanctioned, released and utilised for the purpose, State/UT wise;
- (c) Funds sanctioned , released and utilised for training and development functionaries involved in implementation of watershed development project;
- (d) The details of institutions identified for providing such training and number of functionaries who have been successfully trained; and
- (e) The details of people's participation in watershed development programmes through previously proposed formal and informal groups, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

a) Department of Land Resources (DoLR) was implementing three area development programmes namely Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP) on watershed basis.

These three programmes have been integrated and consolidated into a single modified programme called the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) with effect from 26.02.2009. In Odisha, 310 projects covering an area of 1.6 million hectare are taken up under IWMP. Out of these, 109 projects covering 0.56 million hectare are in KBK region. The activities undertaken in IWMP interalia include soil & moisture conservation measures, rain water harvesting measures, afforestation, horticulture and pasture development, livelihood activities and capacity building, etc

(b) State wise funds released & utilised under IWMP is at Annexure.

(c) to (d) There are no separate funds released for training and development of functionaries involved in the implementation of IWMP. However, as per the Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects- 2008 (Revised in 2011), 5% of the total project cost is earmarked for Institution and Capacity Building. The Institutions and Voluntary Organisations which are indicated in the Guidelines are National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute (CSWCRTI) and its regional centres, Central Research Institute for Dry land Areas (CRIDA), Water Technology Centres (WTCs), Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Soil and Land Use.

Survey of India(SLUSI), AKRS (P) (Gujarat), MYRADA (Karnataka), WOTR (Maharashtra), Dhan Foundation (Tamil Nadu), Samaj Pragati Sahyog (MP), Development Support Centre (Gujarat), AFARM (Maharashtra), WASSAN (Andhra Pradesh), ARAVALI (Rajasthan), PRADAN (Jharkhand), CYSD (Orissa), and Seva Mandir (Rajasthan). In addition, States are also using the services of State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs), State Agricultural Universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and Voluntary Organisations for providing training to all stakeholders like Village Watershed Committees (VWCs), Watershed Development Teams (WDTs), Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, Self Help Group (SHG) and User Group (UG) members, employees of other departments, State and District level functionaries, etc.

(e) As per the Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects- 2008 (Revised in 2011), the projects under IWMP are implemented by the VWCs formed at the project level, The activities of the VWCs are supervised by the Gram Panchayats and Gram Sabhas. In many States, the other PRIs are also involved. The Watershed detailed project report is prepared through community participation. In addition, User Groups and Self Help Groups are also formed in the projects.