

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NEERANCHAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the various components of 'Neeranchal Project;
- (b) the criteria for allocating funds to various States under the Project; and
- (c) the funds allocated /released under the project during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (c): "Neeranchal" is a World Bank assisted national watershed management project.

The objective of the programme is to support Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) through technical assistance to improve incremental conservation outcomes and agricultural yields for communities in selected sites and adoption of more effective processes and technologies into the broader IWMP in participating project States.

The project would be implemented through four components namely; Central Institutional and Capacity Building, National Innovation support, IWMP implementation Support in Participating States and Project Management and Coordination. Neeranchal is designed to add value to all aspects of IWMP and cater to the specific requirements of nine States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telengana. The total outlay of project is Rs.2142 crores. The duration of the project is 6 years from 2014-15 to 2019-20. As the project has not yet been approved by Government, no funds have been released to the States/UTs.