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WATER SECURITY
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for water security and ground water recharge under the National Drinking Water Security Programme; and

(b) if so, the state-wise details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), upto 10% of the NRDWP funds released to the States could be utilized for undertaking sustainability measures which inter-alia includes creation of structures which enables groundwater recharge.

The Ministry is also implementing National Rural Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects in 15 Blocks in 11 States which were chosen by the state Govts. from the over exploited blocks in different agro-climatic zones. The criterion for choosing a block for the National Rural Drinking Water Security Pilot Project was over exploitation of Groundwater as assessed by Central Groundwater Board. The methodological approach of the Pilot Project is assessment of total water availability, estimating total demand of water for various uses, estimating gap between demand and supply through water budgeting exercises and finally narrow down the gap through proper ground water management and conservation including creation of impoundments on the surface and also proper solid and liquid waste management practices.

The funds for the pilot projects are being utilized from NRDWP (Support and Sustainability components) for software and hardware costs respectively. Hardware costs are also proposed to be dovetailed from various other schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNRGES), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), Agriculture, Irrigation, etc. from different programmes of line Departments. Thus no separate allocation of funds and releases are being made for this project. The block-wise funding details for software activities as reported by the States are provided in Annexure