

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF CAUVERY RIVER BASIN  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal for catchment area development and cleaning of Cauvery river and other water bodies in the Cauvery Delta Region, Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and fund allocation in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;  
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE).(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b) As per the information by Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, it has been implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) with effect from 26.02.2009. IWMP is extended to all the States and UTs. Major activities undertaken under watershed projects include ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture and pasture development, livelihood activities including production system & micro-enterprises, capacity building and awareness generation etc. The IWMP being demand driven programme, no State-wise allocation of fund is made. However, the details of projects sanctioned, area covered and central funds released to Tamil Nadu during last three years under IWMP has been presented in the following table.

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
No. of projects	56	32	39
Area covered (million hectare)	0.271	0.171	0.196
Funds released (Rs. crore)	17.57	227.768	168.55

Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWRRDGR), Government of India is presently implementing a scheme namely Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of water bodies in which funds are released to the State Governments. So far, no proposals in respect of water bodies of Tamil Nadu have been received under the scheme. Further, no scheme concerning cleaning of river Cauvery is being implemented by the Ministry, at present.