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WATER CONSERVATION SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the achievements made under water conservation schemes during each of the last three years and current year;
- (b) the State-wise details of the funds allocated/released for the said schemes during the said period; and
- (c) the State-wise details of the assistance provided for developing water conservation infrastructure?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a)to(c) Water conservation schemes are being implemented by various Ministries as per details below:

1. Department of Land Resources is implementing Integrated Water Shed Management Programme since 2009 for development of rainfed degraded areas including waste land in the country.
2. Ministry of Agriculture are implementing various programmes namely National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA) and Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone Rivers (RVP & FPR) with a view to prevent soil erosion and land degradation and also to maintain balance in various types of land uses across the country. Under these programmes in the last 3 years 2010-13 an area of 14 lakh hectares has been developed at an expenditure of Rs.1407.57 crore. The State wise details of funds released and potential created under these schemes are given at Annexures I to II. This programme has been discontinued w.e.f. April 2013.
3. Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has undertaken the Demonstration Rain Water Harvesting and Artificial Recharge Projects under the scheme of "Ground Water Management & Regulation" in priority areas. During XI Plan 133 Rain Water Harvesting and Artificial Recharge Demonstration Projects were sanctioned for construction of 1661 structures. The State wise details are given at Annexure III. The scheme closed on 31.3.2012.
4. A number of Schemes are being implemented through Ministry of Water Resources such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme for completing major and medium irrigation projects, for creation of additional irrigation potential. State wise details of Central Assistance provided to major and medium irrigation projects under AIBP during the last 3 years and current year and potential created upto March 2013 are given at Annexures IV & V. State wise details of central assistance provided to surface minor irrigation schemes under AIBP during the last three years and current year and potential created during the same period are given at Annexures VI & VII.
5. Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies, scheme of Ministry of Water Resources is being implemented by State Governments for rejuvenation of water bodies, which are under distress conditions, apart from conservation of water. During XII Plan a total of 965 water bodies have been taken up under RRR till date and a Central grant of Rs.52.90 crore has been released to Government of Odisha for taking up 760 water bodies under RRR. The details are given at Annexures VIII to X.

In view of the importance of the issue, the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation celebrated 2013 as 'Water Conservation Year' to create awareness on this issue.