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NABARD SCHEME TO CHECK WATER TABLE

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has launched any scheme to check the depleting ground water table;

(b) if so, the details along with the salient features thereof; and

(c) the details of total funds utilised and works carried out by the Government under the scheme during the said period, State/UT- wise and the extent to which the Government has succeeded in checking depleting water table?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): The National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has informed that it has not launched any scheme exclusively to check depleting ground water table. However, as per corporate policy, NABARD has been supporting flow of institutional credit for the development of ground water resources under private initiatives only in blocks/ units categorized as "Safe" and "Semi-critical" by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). In water table depleting areas, NABARD has been facilitating credit flow for creating rainwater harvesting structures and use of micro irrigation system in order to check the water table decline.