

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6388
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2018

Neeranchal National Watershed Project

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed a loan agreement with World Bank for the Neeranchal National Watershed Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;
- (c) the quantum of loan to be provided by World Bank and its terms and conditions;
- (d) the details of the various components and features of the Neeranchal project;
- (e) the criteria for allocating funds to various States under the project;
- (f) the funds allocated and released under the project during each of the last three years and the current year/State/ UT-wise; and
- (g) the details of the States that have been benefited through the project during the last three years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)**

(a) to (c): The Government have entered into an agreement with the World Bank to implement 'Neeranchal' National Watershed Project for providing technical assistance to the Watershed Development Component (WDC) of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). The project is to be implemented at the Central level in the Department of Land Resources and in 9 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telangana. The total outlay of the project is Rs. 2142.3 crore (USD 357 million @ Rs.60/- per USD), of which 50% amount is to be provided as long term loan by the World Bank in International Development Association (IDA) financing. As per the Financing Agreement signed with the World Bank, the closing date of the project is 31st March 2022.

(d) & (e): The project is being implemented through four components namely; Central Institutional and Capacity Building, National Innovation Support, WDC-PMKY Implementation Support in Participating States and Project Management and Coordination. As per the project design, the component WDC-PMKSY Implementation Support in Participating States is to be implemented by the 9 States for which a provision of 85 % of the project cost has been made. The sharing pattern of funds between Centre and State for this component is 60:40.

(f) and (g): Details of funds released to the States under the project during each of the last three years and the current year / State / UT-wise is given in annexure. Funds have so far been released to the States on the basis of approved annual action plans for carrying out preparatory activities under the project.

Annexure

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (f) & (g) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6388
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Details of funds released to the States under Neeranchal National Watershed Project during the
last three years and the current year

Sl. No.	State	Funds released (Rs. in Lakh)		
		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	Andhra Pradesh	50.00	363.59	50.00
2	Chhattisgarh	50.00	231.14	50.00
3	Gujarat	50.00	194.10	50.00
4	Jharkhand	50.00	304.02	00.00
5	Madhya Pradesh	50.00	241.15	50.00
6	Maharashtra	50.00	227.75	50.00
7	Odisha	50.00	126.67	50.00
8	Rajasthan	50.00	160.22	50.00
9	Telangana	50.00	138.37	50.00
	Total	450.00	1987.01	400.00

Note:

'Neeranchal' project was approved by the Government in 2015-16. Finance agreement with the World Bank was signed in January 2016. The project is being implemented in 9 States only.