

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1421  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024**

**Allocation for Watershed Projects in Rajasthan**

1421 # **Shri Chunnilal Garasiya:**

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Rajasthan has urged Government to allocate Central share in 64 projects of Batch-V (2013-14) and 161 projects of batch-VI (2014-15) at the earliest and sanction more watershed projects for the State in the coming years as per 18 Year Perspective Plan approved by Government;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to allocate Central share in the approved projects as earlier;
- (c) if so, the timeframe for the same; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(Dr. CHANDRA SEKHAR PEMMASANI)**

(a) to (d): Department of Land Resources sanctioned 8214 watershed development projects in 28 States (except Goa) [during the period 2009-10 to 2014-15] covering an area of about 39.07 million hectare, including 1025 projects covering an area of 5.764 million hectare in Rajasthan, under Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) principally for development of rainfed and degraded areas. 1025 projects sanctioned in Rajasthan includes, 162 projects of Batch-I (2009-10), 213 projects of Batch-II (2010-11), 229 projects of Batch-III (2011-12), 145 projects of Batch-IV (2012-13), 135 projects of Batch-V (2013-14) and 141 projects of Batch-VI (2014-15).

The IWMP was amalgamated in 2015-16 as the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY). Keeping focus on completion of ongoing projects, Government has not sanctioned any new watershed projects under WDC-PMKSY since 2015-16 to December, 2021.

Based on the assessment of implementation performance, a total of 1832 projects were transferred to States /UTs in 2018, for implementation with their own resources / budget, which included 205 projects in Rajasthan [64 projects of Batch-V (2013-14) and 141 projects of Batch-VI (2014-15)].

Out of the 6382 projects funded by DoLR in the above programme, 820 projects were in Rajasthan. Out of these, 817 projects are reported as completed by Rajasthan. Project period for WDC-PMKSY 1.0 got over on 31.03.2022.

Under WDC-PMKSY 1.0 (erstwhile IWMP), during FY 2009-10 to FY 2020-21, an amount of Rs. 2984.60 crore was released as Central share to the Rajasthan.

The continuation of the scheme as WDC-PMKSY 2.0 was approved by Government on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021. Under WDC-PMKSY 2.0, Department has sanctioned 149 new projects, covering an area of 7.507 lakh hectare with a total cost of Rs. 1858.85 crore to Rajasthan. The project period of WDC-PMKSY 2.0 projects is upto March, 2026. All sanctioned WDC-PMKSY 2.0 projects are at various stages of implementation. From FY 2021-22 to FY 2024-25 (as on 28.07.2024), Central share of Rs. 444.35 crore has been released to Rajasthan.

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