

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1686  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017

**Lift Irrigation Projects under Micro Watershed Scheme**

1686. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals for lift irrigation projects under the Micro Watershed Scheme from the State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) the reasons for delay in approving the projects;
- (d) the time by which the projects are likely to be approved; and
- (e) the quantum of funds likely to be released to the State Governments?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): The Department of Land Resources has sanctioned 8214 watershed development projects during 2009-10 to 2014-15 in 28 States (except Goa) involving an area of about 39.07 million ha under Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), which was amalgamated as the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) in 2015-16. The Programme is implemented principally for development of rainfed portions of net cultivated area and culturable wastelands. The activities being undertaken *inter. alia* include ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development, livelihoods for assetless persons, etc.

The Department of Land Resources has not received any proposal for lift irrigation projects under the WDC-PMKSY from the State Governments. However, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation implements Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) projects including Lift Irrigation Schemes/components under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.

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