

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3343  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2021

**WATER STORAGE PROJECTS**

**3343. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:**

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to sanction new water storage projects under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) watershed components;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with timeline; and
- (c) The plan of the Government to make water available for irrigation purpose to the farmers in the regions where farming is based on rain?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

- (a) to (c): Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development was implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) for development of rainfed and degraded areas since 2009-10. Subsequently IWMP was amalgamated as a Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) in 2015-16 and it was decided to focus on completion of all ongoing projects.

Out of 6382 sanctioned projects being funded by Department of Land Resources, 4769 projects reported as completed, 409 projects are in Consolidation Phase and 1204 projects are in Work Phase (as on 28.02.2021). Since 2009-10, an amount of Rs. 19826.22 crore has been released as Central share to States / UTs.

Water Resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement their efforts, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State/UT Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes, such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies, Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI), Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP), Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) apart from Watershed Development Component under the umbrella scheme Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).