

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3677
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2021

PMKSY-Watershed Component

†3677. **SHRI NIHAL CHAND:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give approval to more projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana-Watershed Component (PMKSY-WC) and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to provide water to each farm in view of less availability of irrigation water in rain fed agricultural land?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

- (a) The Department of Land Resources under its 'Integrated Watershed Management Programme' (IWMP) has sanctioned, 8214 watershed development projects covering an area of about 39.07 million hectare in 28 States (except Goa) [now 27 States and UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) during the period 2009-10 to 2014-15. Subsequently IWMP was amalgamated as a Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) in 2015-16.

The Government of India intends to complete all the ongoing projects and therefore extended the project period upto September, 2021. Department of Land Resources is making all out efforts to complete these ongoing projects before any new projects may be sanctioned under WDC-PMKSY.

- (b) The Government of India under its WDC-PMKSY aim to develop rainfed and degraded lands by following ridge to valley approach. The watershed approach for development of these lands has been found scientifically suitable under which field activities like ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development, livelihoods for assetless persons, etc are taken up to ensure protective irrigation to the crops. Therefore, this continues to be one of the very important physical parameter under the WDC-PMKSY.
