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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5443**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2022

**Irrigation and Drought Management**

5443. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the date/time of inception of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for keeping the water for irrigation within fields, increasing the actual availability of water and extension of tilling area under assured irrigation;

(b) whether any procedure/criteria has been determined for selecting beneficiaries under the above yojana and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details and the number of eligible farmers and villagers benefitted under the above yojana and the targets set to construct farm ponds, hedging in fields, field bund management, permanent wasteweir for drainage of water, anicut, facewall, pool construction and tank (underground tanker) construction since the inception of the yojana in December, 2021, State/year-wise and approved work-wise;

(d) the details of the number of farmers and villagers benefitted from the above sanctioned works under the scheme in Rajasthan during the last three years and the funds provided for the same, district-wise and year-wise; and

(e) the details of the steps taken for prevention of drought in Rajasthan and Gujarat under the above scheme?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinc hayee Yojana (PMKSY) was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable

area under assured irrigation, improve on farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices etc.

(b) to (e) Watershed Development is one of the components of PMKSY (PMKSY-WDC), which is being implemented by Department of Land Resources (DoLR). The activities taken up under programme are ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, water harvesting structure, livelihood support activities and other watershed works with the main concept of keeping the water for irrigation within fields, increasing the actual availability of water and treatment of culturable wasteland for extension of tilling area.

DoLR has sanctioned 8214 watershed development projects during 2009-10 to 2014-15 in 28 States (now 27 States and UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) under the erstwhile Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP). In the year 2015-16, DoLR was directed by the Government not to sanction new projects and get completed all ongoing projects. Out of the sanctioned projects, 1832 projects were later transferred to States for implementation from their own resources and balance 6382 projects were being funded by DoLR. Since WDC-PMKSY is a rainfed/degraded area development programme, all the people residing in the project area are benefitted under the programme.

The continuation of WDC-PMKSY has been approved by Government of India on 15.12.2021 as 'WDC-PMKSY 2.0' for the project period of 2021-2026 with a physical target of 49.50 lakh ha and indicative Central financial outlay of Rs. 8,134 crore.

As per the information received from the States /UTs, under WDC-PMKSY about 6.52 lakh water harvesting structures have been created / rejuvenated, an additional area of about 14.40 lakh Ha has been brought under protective irrigation, and about 31.22 lakh farmers have been benefitted from 2015-16 to 2021-22 (Q3). Further, during 2015-16 to 2021-22 (Q3), about 1.51 lakh Ha area has been brought under plantation (Horticulture / Afforestation) and about 3.29 lakh Ha area of culturable wasteland has been treated in completed projects.

Further, as per the information received from the State of Rajasthan and Gujarat, under WDC-PMKSY, Water harvesting structures created / Rejuvenated, additional area

brought under irrigation, farmers benefitted, area brought under plantation (Horti. Afforestation) and area of culturable wasteland treated in completed project is given as follows:

State	2015-16 to 2021-22 (upto Q3)			2018-19 to 2021-22 (upto Q3) <sup>#</sup>
	WHS created /Rejuvenated (in Nos.)	Additional area brought under irrigation (Ha)	Farmers benefitted (in Nos.)	Area brought under plantation (Horti. Afforestation) in Ha
Gujarat	41574	25408.51	76688	10082.35
Rajasthan	119092	94531	340044	3010

Note: #Provisional (As per information received from States). Information collected from 2018-19 onwards

WDC-PMKSY Central assistance funds provided during last three year and current financial year in the state of Gujarat and Rajasthan is given as follows:

State	Under WDC-PMKSY			Under WDC-PMKSY 2.0
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Gujarat	151.84	77.93	0	25.79
Rajasthan	299	119.43	449.89	282.56

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