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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5205**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026

**RAINFED AREA DEVELOPMENT OF PMRKVY**

**5205. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:**

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

- (a) the details of activities undertaken under the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) component of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PMRKVY) in West Bengal, especially Bankura, during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for RAD in West Bengal during the said period, year and district-wise;
- (c) the number of farmers and villages covered under RAD in West Bengal along with details of integrated farming systems, water conservation projects and soil management activities undertaken;
- (d) whether any evaluation has been conducted on the impact of RAD in improving farm productivity, income levels and climate resilience in West Bengal and if so, the findings thereof; and
- (e) whether any proposals from West Bengal for expansion or new projects under RAD are currently pending and if so, the details and current status thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR )

(a) to (c): Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rainfed Area Development (RAD) across the country including West Bengal since 2014-15. The scheme focuses on promoting Integrated Farming System (IFS) in the country for enhancing productivity and minimizing risks associated with climatic variability. Under the scheme, crops/cropping system is integrated with activities like horticulture, livestock, fishery, agro-forestry, apiculture etc.

As reported by the State Government of West Bengal, during the last five years, against central allocation of funds of Rs. 7638 Lakh, Rs. 6802 Lakh has been released to the state, out of which, Rs. 6566 lakh has been utilized. 30072 ha area has been covered under Integrated Farming System, benefitting 72145 farmers in 18 districts covering 563 villages in the State. District wise data is not maintained centrally.

Year wise details of central share released and utilised under RAD are as follows:-

Year	Details of Central Share of Funds under RAD (Rs. In Lakh)		
	Allocation	Released	Utilized
2021-22	700	350	350
2022-23	800	688	679
2023-24	1048	1048	1048
2024-25	1100	1125	1061
2025-26*	3990	3591	3428
<b>Total</b>	<b>7638</b>	<b>6802</b>	<b>6566</b>

\*As on 19.03.2026

Year wise details of activities undertaken under the programme during last five years in Bankura district as provided by state government of West Bengal is as under:-

Activity (unit)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26*
Area under Integrated Farming System (ha)	508	930.08	816	701	1497.54
Fisheries (Nos.)	535	1134	769	864	2544
Vermicompost (Nos.)	09	10	01	864	2544

\*As on 19.03.2026

(d) & (e): Evaluation Study of RAD Program has been carried out by NITI Aayog in 2025. The Study found that RAD interventions, when bundled and implemented in a site-appropriate manner, have proven to be effective in enhancing livelihood security in vulnerable agro-climatic zones and has resulted in substantially enhancing adaptive capacity in drought-prone regions. 61.27% of the beneficiaries described the impact as very positive in respect of boosting resilience against climatic shocks, either through soil-moisture conservation, diversified cropping systems, or landscape-based development approaches. The scheme is demand driven and State submit their Annual Action Plan according to the requirements of the State.

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