

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PARTICIPATION OF FARMERS IN IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government for making the participation of farmers compulsory in the irrigation projects financed by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) to (c) There is a provision for farmer's participation in the following ongoing schemes on irrigation development projects financed by the Union Government.

(i) Under the Command Area Development and Water Management programme, formation of Water Users Association (WUA) is essential before taking up of construction of field channels/full package of On Farm Development works, Correction of System Deficiencies and Renovation /De-silting of minor irrigation tanks.

(ii) Under Minor Irrigation projects being taken up under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) schemes, the State Governments are required to give an undertaking for 10% beneficiary contribution and formation of Water User Association.

(iii) Under the Pilot Scheme "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture", a key role is envisaged for WUAs in post implementation operation and maintenance. They are also involved in implementation phase, as their representative is included in the District Level Implementation Committee chaired by the District Collector.

(iv) Under the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP) of Ministry of Rural Development, there is a provision for involving local inhabitants as User Groups and Self Help Groups.