

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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WATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to start any Water Development Programme at National level to be implemented by Panchayati Raj Institutions ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to expand the Hariyali programme only ;and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) Water being a State subject, the respective State Governments conceive plan and implement major, medium and minor schemes, both surface and ground water for utilization of water resources. Government of India is providing central assistance to the State Governments through various schemes/programmes, such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programmes (AIBP); Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) Programme; National Project for repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture etc. The Government of India also encourages rain water harvesting and recharge to groundwater. The areas related to

- (i) water conservation and water harvesting,
- (ii) irrigation canals including micro and minor irrigation works,
- (iii) provision of irrigation facility to land owned by households belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes or to land of beneficiaries of land reforms or that of the beneficiaries under the Indira Awas Yojana of the Government of India,
- (iv) renovation of traditional water bodies including desilting of tanks, and
- (v) flood control and protection works including drainage in water logged areas are duly focused in the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 of the Ministry of Rural Development.

(c)&(d) As informed by Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, Hariyali is not a programme but common guidelines for implementation of three Area Development Programmes namely Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme

(DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) are implemented on watershed basis.