

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2882
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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the period of implementation of the World Bank aided Watershed Development Programme in Karnataka has been extended from April, 2007 to March, 2008; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, the period of implementation of the World Bank aided Watershed Development Programme in Karnataka has been extended from April, 2007 to March, 2008.

(b): This World Bank aided Watershed Development Programme in Karnataka started on 10.9.2001 and it was to be terminated on 31.3.2007. The Government of Karnataka informed that some components of the project could not start as envisaged, in time, and it will require more time to complete the project. The project was reviewed at the Government of India level and the World Bank was requested to consider extension of the project. The Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs vide D.O. letter No.4/2/2000-FB. VII dated 9.4.2007, conveyed the approval of the World Bank for extension of the project from April, 2007 to March, 2008.