

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) and areas covered thereunder, State/UT-wise; and
- (b) the details of the programme implementation agencies involved under IWMP ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) The Department of Land Resources is implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) with effect from 26.02.2009. The main objectives of the IWMP are to restore the ecological balance by harnessing, conserving and developing degraded natural resources such as soil, vegetative cover and water. The major activities taken up under IWMP inter alia include ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development, livelihoods for asset less persons. State-wise details of projects sanctioned and area taken up under IWMP is given at Annexure. No project has been sanctioned in Union Territories.

(b) As per the Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects-2008 (Revised-2011) the State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) is responsible for selecting and approving the Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs). These PIAs include relevant line departments, autonomous organizations under State/ Central Governments, Government Institutes/ Research Bodies, Panchayats, Voluntary Organizations (VOs).