

Water Harvesting Programmes in Chhattisgarh

†153. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided for under ground-water recharge and water harvesting programmes in Chhattisgarh under the Central Regional Scheme;

(b) the number of proposals for the schemes received from the State Government of Chhattisgarh under the said programmes along with the costs thereof; and

(c) by when the proposals will be cleared and the amount provided therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Presently there is no approved scheme for financing ground water recharge and rain water harvesting proposals. However, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, has conceived a Centrally Sponsored Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 175 crores for Artificial Recharge to Groundwater and Rainwater Harvesting during the remaining part of the X Five Year Plan. Under this scheme, provision of Rs. 5.00 crores has been proposed for feasible projects of the Chhattisgarh State.

(b) The Government of Chhattisgarh has submitted 4 project proposals at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.76 crores under the said scheme.

(c) The proposals received from Government of Chhattisgarh will be considered after approval of the scheme.

Economic Help to State Governments under NCPP

†154. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government provides economic help to State Governments under National Coastal Protection Project;

(b) if so, the details Of economic help extended by the Central Government to the State Governments during the last three years; and

(c) the economic help the Central Government propose to extend to the State Governments under National Coastal Protection Project during the year 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No,

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