

(g) the steps taken by Government to conserve water in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR ADHIKARI): (a) to (c) There is no specific scheme being implemented for creation of watershed structures in the country by Department of Land Resources. However, the Department is implementing area development programmes on watershed basis namely Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) on watershed basis. These three programmes have now been integrated and consolidated into a single modified programme called Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) *w.e.f.* 26.02.2009. The activities undertaken under IWMP are soil and moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, afforestation, horticulture and pasture development, livelihood activities, capacity building and encouraging people's participation. Under IWMP, projects covering 21.33 million ha. area has been sanctioned as on 30.11.2011.

(d) to (g) The Department of Land Resources proposes to cover 25 million ha. under IWMP during Twelfth Five Year Plan. Soil and moisture conservation and rain water harvesting are integral part of implementation of IWMP.

#### **Model villages**

3078. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to include all villages with 50 per cent population of Dalits in the Model Villages under the Prime Minister's Re-construction Programme;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) to (c) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Rural Development.

#### **Building of houses in Rajasthan under IAY**

†3079. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses proposed to be built in Rajasthan under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) during the year 2011-12, location-wise; and

(b) the works that have been completed so far out of it and by when the remaining work is likely to be completed?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.