

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES  
**RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1426  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2021

**New watershed projects in Rajasthan under PMKSY**

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Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to sanction new watershed projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-Watershed Component) for rainfed agricultural areas in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, other schemes that intend to provide irrigation water to farmers in rainfed agricultural areas?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) &(b) Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development was implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) for development of rainfed and degraded areas since 2009-10. Subsequently IWMP was amalgamated as a Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) in 2015-16. Out of 6382 sanctioned projects being funded by Department of Land Resources, 820 are in Rajasthan. Out of these 820 projects, 601 projects reported as completed, 46 projects are in Consolidation Phase and 173 projects are in Work Phase. During the current Financial Year, an amount of Rs.374.036 cores has been released to Rajasthan.

In 2015-16, while amalgamating IWMP as WDC-PMKSY, the Government decided to focus on completion of all ongoing projects, accordingly Government of Rajasthan, like other states have been given requisite grants under WDC-PMKSY.

Water Resources projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priority. In order to supplement their efforts, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State/UT Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes, such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies, Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI), HarKhetKoPani(HKKP) apart from Watershed Development Component under the umbrella scheme Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) from 2015-16 in the Country.

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