

## **World Bank Assisted Projects**

The following three World Bank assisted Integrated Watershed Management Projects in States of Himachal Pradesh and Assam are being implemented. DAC is involved in supervision, coordination and monitoring of these projects. World Bank provides, assistance for these projects directly to the State Governments.

### **1) Himachal Pradesh Mid-Himalayan Watershed Development**

The Himachal Pradesh Mid-Himalayan Watershed Development Project (Credit No. 4133 ) became operational in February, 2006 in and it will end in March, 2015. This project aims at preventing degradation and protection of bio-diversity, improving accessibility to rural areas and productivity of livestock etc. and envisages institutional strengthening, watershed development and management, enhancing livelihood opportunities, project management and coordination. The cost of this project is about 510.00 crore and area to be covered includes 602 Gram Panchayats in 10 districts, namely, Sirmour, Solan, Bilaspur, Shimla, Kullu, Mandi, Hamirpur, Kangra, Chamba and Una. At present work is in progress in all selected Gram Panchayats and a total of Rs. 339.94 crore has been spent upto March, 2013.

### **2) Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project:**

The Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project (Credit No. 4013 ) was launched in February, 2005 and will close on March, 2015. The project aims at increasing productivity and market access of targeted farmers and community groups to stimulate growth in Assam's agricultural economy. The cost of this project is Rs.1022 crore covering 23 districts for infrastructure development, such as rural roads, agricultural services & market chain development and minor irrigation. As on April, 2013 an amount of Rs.990.62 crore has been incurred towards installation Shallow Tube Wells (STW), Lift Pump Sets, supply of Power Tillers & Tractors, laying Rural roads and Drainage treatment.

### **3) Rajasthan Agricultural Competitiveness Project:**

Rajasthan Agricultural Competitiveness Project (Credit No 5085) became operational in April 2013 and will close in March 2020. The objective of the project is to demonstrate at scale the feasibility of a range of distinct agricultural development approaches integrating technology, organization, institution and market innovations across selected regions of Rajasthan- each marked by different agro-ecological, climatic, water resource and social conditions. Thus capable of significantly increasing agricultural (water) productivity and farmer incomes. The total project cost is Rs. 832.5 crores. Total 20 clusters will be selected on selected locations out of that 6 clusters viz. Mokhampura in Jaipur, Ladnu in Nagaur and bansur in Alwar ,Pisangan in Ajmer, Gudha in Bundi and Z-minor in Sri Ganganagar, have been selected so far. By the end of July 2013, Rs. 1.10 crores has been incurred for preparatory works.