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The objective of implementing Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Watershed Development Component is creating various water sources, irrigation possibilities, creating recharge structure of underground water, increasing land productivity, prevention of soil erosion, maintain moisture of the soil and rural employment. Since the inception of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana under 65 schemes, 2 lakh 55 thousand 368 Ha land has been marked to bring under irrigation. So far under 31 schemes, 2 lakh 13 thousand Ha land has been brought under irrigation.

He informed that total 1188 new water harvesting structures were built and 451 water harvesting structures were repaired in last 3 financial years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21). Crops and bamboo plantation has been done in total 1019 Ha land in last 3 financial years. Also 444 self-help groups were given assistance for pig rearing, poultry farming and goat rearing in last 3 financial years. Apart from this, 1134 landless persons were given financial assistance under Production System and Micro Enterprise scheme. He also informed that the department has planned to build 115 micro watersheds in next 3 financial years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 which will create possibility to bring 1 lakh 20 thousand Ha land under irrigation. Apart from this, the department has been implementing Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Watershed Development Component through dam construction, pond excavation, irrigation canal construction, sluice gate construction, pineapple and dragon fruit cultivation, Jal Shakti Abhiyan etc. Others present in the meeting were Transport Secretary Sriram Tarunikant, PWD Secretary Kiran Gitte, Planning and Coordination Secretary Apurba Roy, Finance Department Secretary Brijesh Pandey and ARDD Secretary Dipa D Nair.

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