

A scenic view of a mountain valley. In the foreground, there are terraced fields with green crops. A small village with several buildings is visible in the middle ground. The background features large, rugged mountains with snow-capped peaks under a clear blue sky.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Presentation by
Secretary, Rural Development**

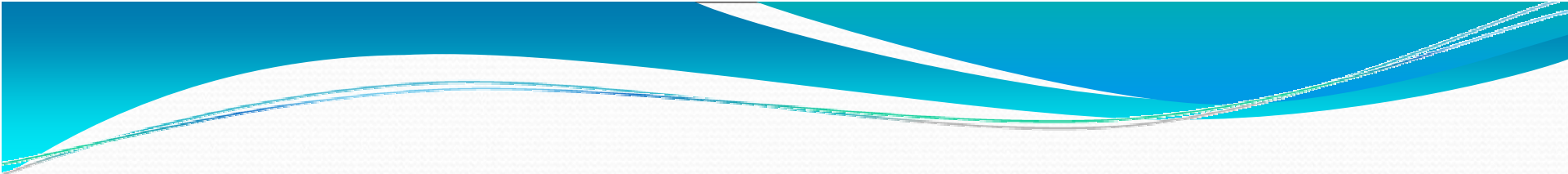


CONVERGENCE BETWEEN NREGA AND SCHEMES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN PILOT DISTRICTS.


- In HP districts Kangra, Solan, Mandi and Sirmour have been identified for piloting convergence between NREGS and schemes of the Departments of Water Resources .**
- With a view to start the convergence process between NREGS and other schemes, a Sub- Divisional Level Developmental Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of SDO (civil) comprising the officers of various line departments.**

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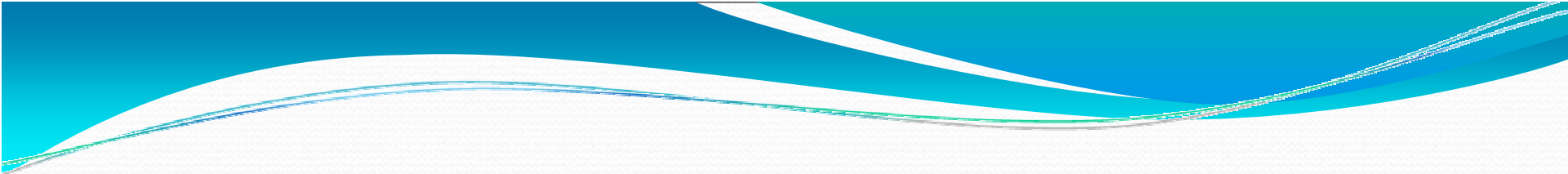


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- **A technical Committee at Block Level consisting of A.E.(Dev), J.E.(Dev) and representatives of IPH,Agr. and Forests departments has been constituted.**
 - **This committee will investigate/ identify the feasible sites where water conservation activities such as water harvesting structures, check dams, tanks/ponds, irrigation kuhls etc. can be constructed/undertaken under NREGA.**
 - **The committee will investigate in a scientific manner to tap the water flowing from perennial sources by constructing check dams, storage tanks and distribution channels etc.**



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- **For the identification of feasible sites, the guidance of technical staff of IPH department will be sought.**
 - **The Technical Committee will also identify/investigate such traditional water bodies which require renovation or de-silting for their revival.**
 - **After the investigation/identification of water conservation works, the Technical Committee will prepare a shelf of projects of these works which will be submitted to the concerned BDO for getting these approved from the Gram Sabha or Panchayat Samiti.**



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- **A meeting was held on 9th April, 2009 under the Chairpersonship of the worthy Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh regarding taking up Micro Watershed as a major programme under NREGA during 2009-10 with the participation of IPH, Forest, Agriculture (Soil Conservation Wing) and Rural Development Departments.**
 - **A team headed by the PO, DRDA comprising technical staff posted in DRDA, ACF and Agricultural Engineering expert would identify the feasible sites for taking up Water Conservation activities in association with the community/user groups. This team would be responsible for planning, execution of these activities and monitoring etc.**
 - **IPH Department will provide the District wise list of Water Stressed Blocks to Rural Development Department at the earliest.**
 - **Initially, one Block in each District will be selected on pilot basis for taking up Water Conservation activities.**

A scenic mountain landscape with snow-capped peaks, a blue sky with white clouds, and evergreen trees in the foreground. The word "Thanks" is overlaid in large yellow text.

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