

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3255
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that due to depleting natural resources and fertile land is gradually becoming barren;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to tackle the situation; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) The process of soil erosion and land degradation resulting into degraded lands including barren lands occur due to faulty cultivation practices, under utilization of land resources, deterioration due to lack of appropriate soil & water management, natural and environmental causes etc. The main programmes/schemes of Central Government for tackling this situation, having components to develop/reclaim such problem lands by checking land degradation and putting such lands into productive use are given at Annexure.

(c) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3255 FOR F
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STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY VARIOUS CENTRAL MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENT

1. Ministry of Rural Development

(i) Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP)

(i) Technology Development, Extension and Training

(TDET)

(ii) Investment Promotional Scheme (IPS)

(iii) Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)

(iv) Desert Development Programme (DDP)

2. Ministry of Agriculture

(i) Soil conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects

(RVP) and Flood Prone Rivers (FPR)

(ii) Reclamation of Alkali Soil (RAS)

(iii) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas

(NWDPR)

(iv) Watershed Development Projects for Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) in North Eastern States.

3. Ministry of Water Resources

(i) Reclamation of Waterlogged areas under Command Area Development Programme (CADP)

4. Ministry of Environment & Forests

(i) Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Project

(IAEP)

(ii) Area Oriented Fuel wood and Fodder Projects (AOFFP)

(iii) Grant-in-Aid Scheme for Afforestation and Tree Planting