

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF WASTELAND
NIKHILANANDA SAR

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received a project report from the District Authority of Bardhaman for development of wasteland in respect of Asansol and Durgapur Sub-divisions;
- (b) if so, the details of contents of that report ; and
- (c) the steps the Government are contemplating to finalise the project report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. A project proposal prepared by the District Planning Committee, Burdwan was received in this Department in December 1998 through the Department of Panchayat and Rural Development, Government of West Bengal, Calcutta. This project proposal envisaged development of 1,87,090 ha. of wasteland over a period of 10 years from 1999 to 2009 in Asansol and Durgapur sub-divisions at a total cost of Rs. 7507.05 lakhs. This proposal was examined in the Department and it was found that the proposal was not prepared as per the Guidelines for Watershed Development. Consequently, it was returned to the State Govt. in January, 1999 with the request that the proposal may be recasted as per Guidelines of IWDPScheme. The revised project proposal has not been received so far.