

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF WATERSHEDS
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any comprehensive policy for construction of watersheds in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount sanctioned under the scheme during the last three years, year-wise;
- (d) the total amount disbursed to States as financial assistance under the scheme; and
- (e) the targets fixed and achievements made thereunder during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The National Agriculture Policy (July 2000) includes the policy on Watershed Development in Rainfed Areas. It provides that integrated and holistic development of rainfed areas will be promoted by conservation of rain water by vegetative measures on watershed basis and augmentation of biomass production through agro and farm forestry with the involvement of the watershed community.

(c) & (d): The major Centrally sponsored Schemes being implemented by various Ministries during X Plan period on watershed basis for development of rainfed areas, drought prone areas, wastelands and degraded forest area are as follows:

A. Ministry of Agriculture

1. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA)
2. Watershed Development Project in shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSA)
3. Soil Conservation in the catchment of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers (RVP & FPR)

B. Ministry of Rural Development

4. Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)
5. Desert Development Programme (DDP)
6. Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP)

The details of the amount sanctioned and releases made are given in Annexure-I.

(e): The details of physical targets and achievements made with regard to the projects of Ministry of Agriculture are given in Annexure-II. The physical progress of projects concerning Ministry of Rural Development is monitored in the States .

Annexure-I

Financial Status under Watershed Development Projects / Schemes (Rs. in lakh)

S.No	Name of Scheme	2000-01	2001-02	2002-2003	
A	D	A	D	A	D

1	NWDPRA	22565	18188.63	22854	19582.44	17956	4866.00	#
2	RVP & FPR	9779	11447.07	11128.38	10310.85	11283.54	11401.91	
3	WDPSCA	1500	1797.87	1500	1535.19	2000	1966.36	

- This is partial figure. Expenditure figures from several States/UTs are awaited.
A - Allocation
D - Disbursement

S.No	Name of Scheme	2000-01	2001-02	2002-2003
		Releases	Releases	Releases

1	DDP	13499.79	15003.0	18500.0
2	DPAP	19000.01	20951.61	25000.0
3	IWDP	12777.97	16960.69	20893.15

NWDPRA - National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas
RVP&FPR - Soil Conservation for enhancing productivity of degraded land in the Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers
WDPSCA - Watershed Development Project for Shifting Cultivation Areas
DDP - Desert Development Programme
DPAP - Drought Prone Area Programme
IWDP - Integrated Wasteland Development Project

Annexure-II

Physical Status under Watershed Development Projects / Schemes (Area in ha)

S.No	Name of Scheme	2000-01	2001-02	2002-2003
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1	RVP & FPR	122238	229000	139105	163000	141044	189000
2	WDPSCA	30000	30774	15000	22005	20000	19336
3	NWDPRA	496280	549730	509550	464341	360000	72095#

- This is partial figure. Information from several States / UTs are awaited.
RVP&FPR - Soil Conservation for enhancing productivity of degraded land in the Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers
WDPSCA - Watershed Development Project for Shifting Cultivation Areas
NWDPRA - National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas
T - Target
A - Achievement