

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:254
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000
FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THAR DESERT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated to Rajasthan for the development of Thar desert of Rajasthan during each of the last three years and the current year, district-wise;
- (b) the details of works undertaken for this purpose and the amount utilised so far;
- (c) the number of villages benefited by these funds in the State;
- (d) whether the State has demanded additional funds for the purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) District-wise funds released to Rajasthan for development of Thar desert during the last three years and current year are given at Annexure.
- (b) Activities like contour bunding, construction of check dams and Tankas, afforestation, pasture development, soil/water conservation works including water harvesting structures and minor irrigation structures, sand dune stabilization, shelter-belt plantations, farm forestry etc. are taken up. So far, an amount of about Rs.103 crore has been utilised.
- (c) Village-wise or Dhani-wise information is not compiled by the State Government in this regard. However, these funds have been utilised in the execution of 1171 watershed development projects covering approximately as many villages and an area of 5.97 lakh hectares.
- (d) & (e) The State Government have not demanded any additional funds.

ANNEXURE

Statement as referred to in Part (a) of the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Number 254 due for reply on 25.7.2000

District-wise funds released to Rajasthan for the development of Thar desert

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	District	Funds Released			
		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Barmer	452.72	945.00	470.63	461.25
2.	Bikaner	0.00	468.56	482.54	543.17
3.	Churu	796.79	358.36	300.55	-
4.	Hanumangarh	50.66	287.89	52.51	-
5.	Jaisalmer	705.11	1062.50	1218.76	-
6.	Jalore	252.86	45.00	399.37	-

7 Jhunjhunu 100.50 147.50 95.68 93.75

8. Jodhpur 203.88 972.50 468.42 264.68

9. Nagaur 412.77 97.50 679.37 -

10. Pali 162.75 542.50 198.77 -

11. Sikar 287.12 91.25 127.50 -

TOTAL 3425.16 5018.56 4494.10 1362.85