GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:202 ANSWERED ON:16.12.2003 WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME HARIBHAU MAHALE;RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Land Resources is implementing three Watershed Development Programmes since 1995in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of these programmes;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (d) the project proposals received/cleared from various State Governments regarding Watershed Development Programmes for poverty alleviation during the current year, State-wise;
- (e) the number of the NGOs involved in Watershed Development Programmes during the last three years and till date;
- (f) the funds allocated and utilized by these organizations during the said period so far, State-wise;
- (g) whether the funds are not being properly utilized by these NGOs; and
- (h) if so, the steps taken by the Government to monitor the scheme properly?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (h) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 202 for answer on 16/12/2003.

- (a): Yes, Sir. The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing threemajor programmes namely the Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP) (from 1989-1990), the Drought Pron&reas Programmes (DPAP) (from 1973-1974) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP) (from 1977-1978). Since 1.4.1995, a common approach to implement these programmes on watershed basis has been adopted.
- (b) & (c): The implementation of the watershed projects under IWDP, DPAP and DDP was reviewed in consultation with the concerned State Governments and the Guidelines were revised in the year 2001 to further reinforce the effectiveness of these programmes in the planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluation stages. The Guidelines od 2001 were again revised in March, 2003 and the Hariyali Guidelines came into effect from 1.4.2003. Under the Hariyali Guideline panchayats havebeen given priority for implementation of all Watershed Development Programmes (DPAP, DDP and WDP) of the Department of Land Resources.
- (d): State-wise details of projects sanctioned, amount released under IWDP, DPAP and DDP during the current financial year i.e., 2003-2004 upto 10.12.2003 are given in Annexure I.
- (e): The number of NGOs involved in IWDP projects sanctioned in the last three years till 10.12.2003 is given in Annexure II.
- (f): The Department of Land Resources allocates/releases funds to DRDAs/ZPs.
- (g) & (h): The performance of NGOs as PIAs in implementation of watershed projects has been mixed. The Ministry's regularly monitoring the schemes/programmes through Area Officers, Independent Evaluators and National Level Monitors.

Annexure - I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 202 for answer on 16/12/2003.

Projects sanctioned and amount released in 2003-04 (upto 10.12.2003)

(Rs. in lakhs)

No.of Amount No.of Amount No.of Amount proj. released proj. released proj. released

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1 Andhra Pradesh 9 453.75 287 968.62 110 371.25
2 Bihar 4 165.00 60 202.50 --
3 Chattisgarh 6 247.50 116 391.50 --
4 Gujarat 9 371.25 250 843.75 298 1005.75
5 Haryana 2 82.50 -- 118 398.25
6 Himachal Pradesh 7 313.50 40 135.00 38 128.35
7 Jharkhand 4 189.75 200 675.00 --
8 J & K -- 66 222.75 41 138.38
9 Karnataka 9 371.25 227 766.12 166 560.25
10 Kerala 3 123.75 -- --
11 Maharashtra 6 247.50 296 999.00 --
12 Madhya Pradesh 13 594.00 269 907.88 --
13 Orissa 1 41.25 146 492.75 --
14 Rajasthan 9 371.25 96 324.00 780 2632.50
15 Tamil Nadu 7 288.75 160 540.00 --
16 Uttar Pradesh 13 536.25 160 540.00 --
17 Uttaranchal 3 132.00 90 303.75 --
18 West Bengal 2 82.50 72 243.00 --
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Total 107 4611.75 2535 8555.62 1551 5234.63

Annexure - II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 202 for answer on 16/12/2003.

Sl.No. State Number of NGOs involved under IWDP projects

2000-01 2001-02 2002-03 2003-04 Total

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1 Andhra Pradesh 6 3 - - 9
2 Bihar - 1 - - 1
3 Chattisgarh - 1 - - 1
4 Gujarat 6 6 - - 12
5 Jharkhand 1 1 - - 2
6 Karnataka - 1 - - 1
7 Maharashtra 2 - - 2
8 Madhya Pradesh 3 2 - - 5
9 Orissa 1 1 - - 2
10 Tamil Nadu - 1 - - 1
11 Uttaranchal 2 - - 2
12 Manipur - 1 - - 1
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Total 21 18 0 0 39