

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2057

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DISTRICTS COVERED UNDER DPAP

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of districts brought under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), State-wise as on date;
- (b) the number of farmers benefited in those States out of DPAP;
- (c) whether the the Union Government has received any requests from the State Governments to include some more districts under the programme during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a): Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) is under implementation in 182 districts of 16 States. A Statement indicating State-wise details is annexed.

(b): Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) is a long term area development programme which is implemented on watershed basis with the objective of drought proofing by rejuvenating the natural resource base. Since DPAP is an area development programme, the resource poor and disadvantaged section of the village community including farmers inhabiting the project area are benefited.

(c) to (e): The blocks under DPAP/Desert Development Programme (DDP) were identified by a High Level Technical Committee in 1994-95 adopting scientific criteria like rainfall, irrigation, evapo-transpiration, moisture index etc. There is no proposal to review DPAP/DDP coverage at present. Non-DPAP/DDP blocks are, however, taken up for treatment under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP).

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2057 for answer on 16/12/2003.

Sl.No. State Number of Districts

1	Andhra Pradesh	11
2	Bihar	6
3	Chattisgarh	8
4	Gujarat	14
5	Himachal Pradesh	3
6	J & K	2
7	Jharkhand	14
8	Karnataka	15
9	Madhya Pradesh	23
10	Maharashtra	25
11	Orissa	8
12	Rajasthan	11
13	Tamil Nadu	16
14	Uttar Pradesh	15
15	Uttaranchal	7
16	West Bengal	4

Total 182