

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of the Watershed Development Projects in Orissa, District-wise especially in Dhenkanal District of the State;
- (b) whether the projects have been completed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the cost of the projects;
- (d) if not the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which these are likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing two Watershed Development Programmes namely, Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) and Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) in Orissa State in accordance with the Guidelines for Watershed Development. The details of the projects sanctioned under IWDP for various districts including Dhenkanal district are given in the enclosed Statement-I. The details of the projects sanctioned under DPAP for various districts including Dhenkanal District are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

Projects under these Programmes are generally implemented over a period of five years. First instalment is released at the time of sanction of the project. Each subsequent instalment is released after utilisation of more than 50% funds of the last instalment released. The Department has sanctioned two projects covering 8,631 hectares under IWDP and 24 projects covering 12,000 hectares under DPAP for Dhenkanal district. The watershed development projects in Orissa including Dhenkanal under both these Programmes are at various stages of implementation. The State Government has been requested from time to time to take steps for the timely completion of these projects.