

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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INTEGRATED WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- a) the detailed features of Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP);
- b) whether certain States have requested the Government to bring development programmes relating to all kinds of land including wasteland under single Ministry at the Centre;
- c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- d) the action taken/being taken by the Government on such requests?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

a) Projects sanctioned under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) are executed for development of non-forest wastelands through Panchayati Raj Institutions under Hariyali Guidelines with effect from 1.4 2003 on watershed basis. Salient principles of the programme are

# Institutionalisation of community participation

# Emphasis on creation of sustainable rural livelihood support systems

# Capacity building measures and decentralisation of the processes of planning and decision making

# Equitable sharing of usufructs and in built mechanism for creation of Watershed Development Fund for maintenance of structures created on community land to ensure post project sustainability of structures.

The major activities under the watershed approach are:

# Soil and moisture conservation measures

# Structures for water harvesting purposes

# Promotion of agro-forestry, pastureland and horticulture development

# Training, extension and awareness creation among stake holders

The present cost norm is Rs. 6000 per hectare (Central share Rs.5500 and State share Rs.500). The allocation under project components is as follows:

# Watershed Treatment/ Development Works/ Activities- 85%

# Community Mobilization and training - 5%

# Administrative Overheads- 10%

(b to d) No such request has been received from State to bring development programmes relating to all kinds of land including wasteland under single Ministry at the Centre.