

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ENHANCEMENT OF FUNDS FOR DESERT AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount being spent every year on Rural Development in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation of funds for the desert districts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be increased; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CHANDRA SHEKHAR SAHU)

(a) Department of Land Resource , Ministry of Rural Development is implementing three Area Development Programmes, namely Integrated Wastelands Development Programmes (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) on Watershed basis. DPAP and DDP programmes are being implemented in areas identified by Hanumantha Rao Committee in 1994 whereas IWDP Programme is generally implemented in non DPAP and DDP areas. Accordingly, the state of Maharashtra is not covered under DDP programme.

(b), (c) & (d) IWDP and DPAP being demand driven programmes , no state-wise allocation of funds are made. Details of year-wise total no. of projects sanctioned and Central Share of funds released to Maharashtra states during the last 3 years under IWDP and DPAP programmes are given below:-

Sl.No. Year No. of Amount Released
Projects (Rs. in Crores)
Sanctioned
DPAP Programmes

1	2003-04	296	14.84
2	2004-05	303	34.86
3	2005-06	310	44.49
4	2006-07	436	36.83
IWDP Programmes			
1	2003-04	9	9.49
2	2004-05	10	16.60
3	2005-06	14	20.52
4	2006-07	31	20.10