

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRO FORESTRY AND FRUIT PRODUCING UNITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote agro forestry and fruit producing units in the country particularly in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds provided for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Agro Forestry is encouraged as an activity in the Watershed Development Programmes for effective natural resource management. Following Watershed Development Programmes of Ministry of Agriculture & Ministry of Rural Development are being implemented in the State of Orissa:-

(I) Ministry of Agriculture:-

1. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR)
2. Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR)

(II) Ministry of Rural Development

1. Integrated Waste Land Development Projects (IWDP)
2. Drought Prone Area Project (DPAP)

It has been reported that so far, 11.26 lakh hectare land has been developed at a cost of Rs.531.12 crores under various watershed programmes in Orissa.

Area expansion under perennial and non-perennial fruits is one of the approved activities under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission. Assistance is being provided @75% of the cost subject to maximum of Rs.22,500 per hectare limited to 4 hectare per beneficiary. In case of Orissa, mango, banana, citrus and litchi have been identified as the potential crops for development under the National Horticulture Mission. An amount of Rs.36.12 crore was released to State Horticulture Mission, Orissa during the year 2005-06 which include Rs.13.91 crore for the area expansion under perennial and non-perennial fruits. Similarly, during 2006-07, an amount of Rs.32.86 crore was released to the State Horticulture Mission, Orissa which included Rs.17.85 crore for area expansion of perennial and non-perennial fruits.