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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced the Land Resource Development Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its objectives thereof; and
- (c) the amount sanctioned for this scheme during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA):

(a) to (c) The Government has not introduced any Scheme called the Land Resource Development Scheme. Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development implements three Area Development Programmes, viz. Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP). DPAP was launched in 1973-74 to tackle the special problems faced by those areas that are constantly affected by severe drought conditions. DDP was started in the year 1977-78 in hot and cold desert areas of the country. IWDP was started in the year 1989-90 for development of wastelands. The three programmes are being implemented in accordance with the common guidelines for watershed development w.e.f. 1995-96. The amount sanctioned for these on-going schemes during the current year is as follows:

DPAP Rs. 353.00 crores
DDP Rs. 268.00 crores
IWDP Rs. 485.00 crores