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AGRO FORESTRY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Agro Forestry project implemented in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated, released and utilised under the said project, State-wise;
- (c) whether the progress of such projects has been assessed by the Union Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the future plan the Government to boost the Agro Forestry Sector during Eleventh Plan; and
- (f) the funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) & (b): There is no specific Agro Forestry Project being implemented in the country. However, Government of India is implementing various Watershed Development Programmes, namely,
- (i) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR),
 - (ii) Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR),
 - (iii) Reclamation of Alkali Soils (RAS),
 - (iv) Watershed Development Projects for Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA)
 - (v) Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP),
 - (vi) Desert Development Programme (DDP),
 - (vii) Integrated Wasteland Development Project (IWDP),
 - (viii) Watershed Development Fund (WDF) and
 - (ix) Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) for development of lands in the country. The Agro – Forestry is one of the components under these programmes. During Tenth Five Year Plan, an area of 22.06 million ha. have been developed with an expenditure of Rs 8810.20 crore under these programmes as per scheme-wise details given in Annexure-I.

The Ministry of Environment & Forest is also implementing a National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forest lands and adjoining lands. The scheme is being implemented through two-tier decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at Forest Division Level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level. The project area is treated as per the Micro Plan formulated for the JFMCs area. As on 31-3-2007, 729 FDA projects have been approved in 28 States to cover project area of 9.36 lakh ha. through 24,215 JFMCs. The State-wise funds released under this programme, during last five years (2002-03 to 2006-07) are given in Annexure-II.

In addition to above, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is implementing an All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Agro-Forestry with Project Coordinator (PC) unit at National Research Centre on Agro Forestry (NRCAF), Jhansi along with Coordinating Centres located in different State Agricultural Universities (SAUs); and different Institutes of ICAR in the country. The detailed list and funds allocated to different coordinating centres during last five years is given in Annexure-III.

(c) & (d): All the different schemes/ programmes mentioned above have their own system of regular monitoring and assessment. All the watershed programmes are reviewed for their performance on a quarterly basis. The progress of the AICRP on agro forestry is assessed and monitored during annual review meetings held as annual workshop or group meeting of the project. The review of progress is also done through Quinquennial Review Team constituted by ICAR.

(e) & (f): As per Working Group of the Sub Committee of National Development Council (NDC) on Agriculture and related Issues on Dryland/Rainfed Farming System including regeneration of Degraded/Wasteland, about 38 million ha. area has been proposed under different watershed development programme with an estimated cost of Rs.32095.00 crore during XI Five Year Plan. The Project-wise target and outlay for different Watershed Development Programmes for XI Five Year Plan are as under:-

Implementing Deptt./Ministry	Name of Scheme/ Programme	Physical Target (million ha.)	Financial Requirement (Rs. in crore)
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, MoA	NWDPRA	4.00	4000
	RVP & FPR	2.00	2400
	WDPSCA	0.20	240
	RAS	0.50	1455
	WDF	0.40	300
	EAPs	0.50	750
	NEW SCHEMES	2.40	2500
	Sub - total	10.00	11645
Department of Land Resources, MoRD	IWDP	10.0	5200
	DPAP	10.0	5200
	DDP	5.0	2600
	TOTAL for XI Plan	0.00	13000
	Committed liabilities of X Plan	0.00	5200
	Sub - total	25.00	18200
Planning Commission	HADP & WGDP	1.00	750
Public Private Partnership		2.00	1500
	TOTAL	38.00	32095

The NRCAF, Jhansi and AICRP on agro-forestry is proposed for future strengthening during XI Five Year Plan and proposed outlay for XI plan is Rs. 26.22 crore for NRCAF and Rs. 29.70 crore for AICRP on agro-forestry.