

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY FOR MAKING WASTE AND BARREN LAND CULTIVABLE  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total area of waste and barren land in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted for making waste and barren land cultivable in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether any such scheme is being implemented or proposed to be implemented in Uttar Pradesh to make such land cultivable;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the financial assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh during the last three years in order to make waste and barren land cultivable; and
- (g) the details of area of barren land made cultivable in Uttar Pradesh?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

(a) As per 'Wastelands Atlas of India-2005' prepared by National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad, the total waste lands in the country are estimated at 55.269 million hectare (ha). This includes 12.117 million hectare of unculturable barren/rocky/steep slopes/snow covered areas. The State-wise area of wasteland and barren land is at Annexure.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d)& (e) The Department of Land Resources has been implementing three programmes, namely, Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) on watershed basis since 1995-96. These three programmes have been integrated into a single modified programme called 'Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)' w.e.f. 26.02.2009. The major land based activities are soil and moisture conservation works, water harvesting, afforestation, pasture development and horticulture. The programmes of IWDP, DPAP and IWMP are being implemented in Uttar Pradesh. The details of projects sanctioned under the above programmes in Uttar Pradesh are as below:

Programme	No. of projects sanctioned	Area of sanctioned projects (m ha)	Total project cost (Rs. In crore)
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IWDP	130	0.86	446.34
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DPAP	1777	0.89	452.90
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IWMP	98	0.49	587.29
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(f) The financial assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh during the last three years are as below:

Programme	Central assistance provided (Rs. In crore)
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2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

IWDP 55.82 70.58 46.38

DPAP 49.40 39.72 25.11

IWMP# - - 22.68

# Central assistance for projects under IWMP is being released from 2009-10 only

(g) The total area of wasteland made cultivable in Uttar Pradesh is 5.51 lakh ha as informed by the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.