

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Watershed Development Programme has not been effectively implemented in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the steps the Government proposes to give an impetus to the Watershed Development Programme; and
- (c) the details of the foreign aided projects for watershed development programme in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

(a) & (b): The Technical Committee on Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), under the chairmanship of Shri S. Parthasarathy, addressed major issues in watershed programmes and recommended viable strategies and mechanisms for effective implementation of these programmes. Based on the suggestions of the Committee, National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) in coordination with Planning Commission formulated Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects, 2008 to give an impetus to watershed development programmes. All the three programmes have been integrated into a single modified programme called 'Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)' with effect from 26-02-2009. The provisions of development of micro-watersheds on cluster basis, reduced number of installments, delegation of power of sanction of projects to the States, dedicated institutions, capacity building of stakeholders, monitoring & evaluation, specific budget provision for detailed project report preparation, livelihood for assetless people and productivity enhancement are some of the features of IWMP to ensure its effective implementation.

(c): The details of the foreign aided projects for watershed development programme in the country during last three years are as below:

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	State	Name of the project	Funding agency	Amount by the State and reimbursed by aid agency	Assistance utilized by the State and		
			2007-08	2008-09	2009-10		
1	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh Rural Livelihood Programme	Department for International Development (DFID)	14.50	14.50	Scheme was closed on 31.12.2007	
2	Kerala	Attapady Wasteland Comprehensive Environmental Conservation Project	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) formerly known as JBIC	208.83	22.96	25.45	67.14

3 Orissa Western Orissa Department for 229.27 39.18 39.72 40.65
Rural International
Livelihood Development (DFID)
Programme