

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DROUGHT PRONE AREA PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of centrally sponsored Watershed Development Programme running in the country and funds provided during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of all Watershed Development Projects targeted to be completed under the Desert Development Programme (DDP) in various States particularly in Haryana during 2009-10; (
- (c) whether the progress vis-a-vis the targets fixed remained dismal;
- (d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to ensure achievement of targets fixed under the Desert Development Programme (DDP); and
- (e) the details of the proposals received for the various State Governments for various schemes under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing three area development programmes on watershed basis. These programmes are the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development programme (DDP). These three watershed programmes of the Department of Land Resources have been consolidated into a single modified programme called Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) w.e.f. 26.02.2009.

In addition to the above, following watershed schemes are being implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture :

- i. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA)
- ii. Soil conservation for enhancing productivity of degraded lands in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR)
- iii. Watershed Development Projects in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSA).

The central assistance provided to the State Governments under DPAP, DDP, IWDP & IWMP during last three years are given at Annexure ? I. The information on the State- wise financial progress under NWDPA, RVP & FPR and WDPSA received from Department of Agriculture & Co-operation are given at Annexure-II, III & IV respectively.

(b),(c) & (d) A total number of 1000 ongoing watershed projects under DDP including Haryana were targeted to be completed during 2009-10. Against the target of 1000 projects, 1703 projects including 89 projects in Haryana, were completed under DDP during 2009-10. State Govts. have been regularly pursued with to complete these projects.

(e) As indicated in the reply to part (a) above, DPAP alongwith DDP and IWDP have been consolidated into a single modified programme called IWMP. No new projects have been sanctioned under DPAP after 2006-07. Hence, no state is submitting proposals for sanction of projects under DPAP.