

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WATERSHED PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing a comprehensive Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) with a view to preventing soil erosion and land degradation and maintaining balance in different types of land use;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount released to the States alongwith the break up of figures in the States and UTs;and
- (d) the total areas of operation under the scheme in the States and UTs?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) & (b): The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development is implementing area development programmes on watershed basis namely Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP). These three programmes have now been integrated and consolidated into a single modified programme called Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) w.e.f. 20.02.2009. The activities under taken under IWMP are soil & moisture conservation measures, rain water harvesting measures, afforestation, horticulture and pasture development, livelihood activities, capacity building, awareness generation & encouraging people's participation.
- (c): The details of State/UT wise central funds released under IWMP are at Annexure-I.
- (d): The details of State/UT wise area sanctioned under IWMP are at Annexure-II.