

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SIMPLIFICATION OF PROCEDURE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposes to simplify the procedure of releasing funds for schemes like Desert Development Programme and Drought Prone Area Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether complaints have been received regarding delay in the release of funds for the said schemes;
- (d) If so, the State-wise details thereof during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the details of the efforts made by the Government for the redressal of the said complaints?

Answer

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

(a) The Department of Land Resources has already simplified the procedure of releasing funds for area development programmes viz. Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP).

(b) The Department of Land Resources has been implementing three area development programmes viz. Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) on watershed basis since 1995-96. These programmes have been integrated and consolidated into a single modified programme called ?Integrated Watershed Management Programme? (IWMP) with effect from 26.02.2009 to be implemented as per the Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects, 2008. The status of the ongoing projects sanctioned under the DDP, DPAP & IWDP was reviewed in 2009. It was observed that there was considerable delay in implementation and completion of these projects. Therefore, in order to accelerate the implementation and to facilitate early completion of the projects, the Department inter-alia allowed release of central funds by clubbing two installments of projects sanctioned during 1995-96 to 2002-03 (pre-Hariyali). The clubbing of two (4th & 5th) installments has also been extended to projects sanctioned during 2003-04 to 2006-07 (Hariyali).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Question does not arise.