

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DROUGHT PRONE AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the investment made for the development of agricultural land in drought prone areas of various States during the last three years are insufficient;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Central Government has prioritized the land development in drought prone areas during the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard, particularly in Maharashtra?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Department of Land Resources has been implementing three area development programmes namely Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) on watershed basis. These three programmes have been integrated and consolidated into a single modified programme called Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) w.e.f. 26.02.2009. This programme is extended to all States and UTs for development of rainfed/degraded areas. Under this programme, due priority is given to the wastelands, DPAP and DDP areas while selecting project areas. During last three years, State-wise projects sanctioned and funds released are given at Annexure-I. Further, the central assistance is being released for completion of ongoing DPAP, DDP & IWDP projects sanctioned upto Tenth Plan i.e. upto 2006-07. Details of State-wise funds released during last three years including Maharashtra under these programmes are at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) The department proposes to cover 25 million ha. under IWMP during 12th Five Year Plan. During current financial year (2012-13), department proposes to cover 5 million ha. including Maharashtra under IWMP. The State-wise breakup of the same is given at Annexure-II.