

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSAL UNDER DPAP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Odisha has sent any proposal under Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for the disposal of the proposal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the possibility costs escalation is higher due to delay in according approval to proposal; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) No sir. The Department of Land Resources is implementing two area development programmes namely Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) on watershed basis since 1995-96 in Odisha. These two programmes along with Desert Development Programme (DDP) have been integrated and consolidated into a single modified programme called Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) w.e.f. 26.02.2009. The IWMP is extended to all the States and Union Territories.

No new projects under DPAP, DDP and IWDP were sanctioned after 2006-07. However, central fund is being released for completion of ongoing projects sanctioned upto 2006-07. As per policy decision taken by this Department, all the ongoing pre-IWMP projects are to be completed before 31.12.2012.