

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY UNDER DROUGHT PRONE AREA PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey under Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) of those areas in the country including Madhya Pradesh where drought like situation is continuously prevailing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Department of Land Resources has not conducted any survey under Drought Prone Areas Programme in the country including Madhya Pradesh. However, a High Level Technical Committee headed by Prof. C.H. Hanumantha Rao, Ex. Member, Planning Commission, in 1994 identified 120.3863 million ha. for implementation of watershed programmes under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP). Total area identified under DPAP is 74.5913 million ha in the country including Madhya Pradesh. State-wise details of no. of districts, blocks and area identified under DPAP are as below:

SI. No. States No. of Districts No. of Blocks Area identified  
in million Ha.

1 Andhra Pradesh 11 94 9.9218

2 Bihar 6 30 0.9533

3 Chhattisgarh 9 29 2.1801

4 Gujarat 14 67 4.3938

5 Himachal Pradesh 3 10 0.3319

6 Jammu & Kashmir 6 22 1.4705

7 Jharkhand 15 100 3.4843

8	Karnataka	17	81	8.4332
9	Madhya Pradesh	26	105	8.9101
10	Maharashtra	25	149	19.4473
11	Odisha	8	47	2.6178
12	Rajasthan	11	32	3.1968
13	Tamil Nadu	18	80	2.9416
14	Uttar Pradesh	15	60	3.5698
15	Uttarakhand	7	30	1.5796
16	West Bengal	4	36	1.1594
	Total	195	972	74.5913