

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DESERT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether some area of Rajasthan State including of Barmer and Jaisalmer Districts have been included in the Desert Development Programme(DDP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the works done under the said programme during the last three years and the current year alongwith with the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) An area of 19.8744 million hectare spread over 85 blocks of 16 districts including Barmer and Jaisalmer districts in Rajasthan is covered under Desert Development Programme (DDP) in Rajasthan.

(c) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Rajasthan, an area of 7,59,989 ha has been treated under DDP during the last three years and current year (upto October, 2012) in the State, including Barmer and Jaisalmer districts. The activities undertaken are soil conservation and water harvesting structures like khadin, earthen bunds, farm ponds, check dams in the fields, planting forestry plants, horticulture plantations, organizing crop demonstration of improved seeds for increasing production, organizing animal husbandry improvement activities like animal treatment camps, artificial insemination, castration etc., developing common pasture land through fencing, plantation, seeding and management practices.

The outcome of above activities are checking further desertification through wind erosion, increasing crop production, better animal husbandry conditions. Better water conservation and management has resulted in better living condition of human beings.