

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY OF DPAD AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey of the areas in various States including Madhya Pradesh where there is a drought like situation prevailing since the year 2002 under Drought Prone Area Development(DPAD) Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the follow up action taken thereon; and
- (c) if not, the time by which the survey of these drought affected areas is likely to be conducted by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India 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 area for implementation of watershed programmes under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP). 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 is at Annexure-I.