

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER RADP

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP) is under implementation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the names of States covered and the funds allocated and released thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of achievements made under the RADP and the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in addressing the problem of rainfed areas and that of the farmers during the said period?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a): Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP) is under implementation as a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) since 2011-12 in the country.

(b): The programme aims at improving the quality of life of farmers' especially small and marginal farmers by offering a complete package of activities to maximize the farm returns for enhancing his/her food and livelihood security. The broad objectives are:

- i. Increasing agricultural productivity of rainfed areas in a sustainable manner by adopting appropriate farming system based approaches.
- ii. To minimize the adverse impact of possible crop failure due to drought, flood or un-even rainfall distribution through diversified and composite farming systems.
- iii. Restoration of confidence in rainfed agriculture by creating sustained employment opportunities through improved on-farm technologies and cultivation practices.
- iv. Enhancement of farmers' income and livelihood support for reduction of poverty in rainfed areas.
- v. Convergence of relevant developmental programmes in project areas for optimal utilization of resources by establishing an integrated and coordinated system involving different sectors and institutions.

(c): The details of the States covered under RADP, year wise allocation and releases including that of current year are annexed.

(d): During the first two years of implementation of RADP (2011-12 and 2012-13), about 2.62 lakh ha rainfed area have been covered under integrated farming/cropping system benefitting about 4 lakh farmers.

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is a State Plan Scheme of Additional Central Assistance aimed at rejuvenating agriculture and allied sectors. RKVY provides flexibility and autonomy to the States in selection, planning, approval and execution of schemes to make investments in interventions as per their priorities and agro-climatic requirement. All the activities including that of development of rainfed farming is supported under RKVY. Special sub schemes like Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern Region, Integrated Development of 60,000 pulses villages in rainfed areas, Promotion of Oil Palm, Nutri-cereals, Accelerated Fodder Development Programme etc. are also supported under RKVY which largely benefit the farmers of rainfed areas. The details of funds allocated, released and utilized under RKVY including sub schemes during the last three years and current year is as under:-

Rs. in Crore			
Year	Allocation	Release	Utilization
2010-11	6722.00	6720.08	6712.90
2011-12	7810.87	7794.09	7467.04
2012-13	9317.00	8400.00	5425.04
2013-14	9954.02	2984.06	

