

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified districts in Orissa for watershed development projects during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the targets set forth and achievement thereof under the scheme during the above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. All the 30 districts of the State are covered under the various Watershed Development Programmes being implemented by Ministry of Agriculture namely:

- (i) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) and
- (ii) Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of the Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project & Flood Prone River (RVP&FPR). District-wise details of the watershed projects selected for implementation during the last two years under these programmes are annexed.

(c): As per the Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects, the duration of the project period is in the range of 4 to 7 years depending upon nature of activities. The total target set for all the projects is 1.13 lakh ha. Out of which 0.28 lakh ha have been achieved during the last two years.