

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4387
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FUNDS FOR HADP
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government formulates Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;
- (c) the details of funds released during each of the last three years and current year;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include Tribal area in Erode district of Tamil Nadu under HADP scheme; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) has been in operation since Fifth Five Year Plan in Designated hill areas. The Designated Hill Areas covered under HADP were identified in 1965 by a Committee of the National Development Council (NDC). These included eight (later bifurcated into twelve) districts of Uttar Pradesh. However, consequent on the formation of Uttarakhand as a separate State, HADP is no longer in operation in the hill districts of erstwhile Uttar Pradesh. Presently, the designated Hill Areas covered under HADP include:

Two hill districts of Assam-North Cachar and Karbi Anglong.

Major parts of Darjeeling district of West Bengal.

Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu

Its main objective is to ensure ecologically sustainable socio-economic development of hill areas keeping in view the basic needs of the local people. The total approved outlay comprises of 90% grant and remaining 10% as State Share.

(c): The details of funds released during each of the last three years and current year under HADP is given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Name of the State	Releases 2011-12	Releases 2012-13	Releases 2013-14	Releases 2014-15
Assam	98.86	74.39	99.19	0.00
West Bengal	38.07	38.20	28.65	0.00
Tamil Nadu	42.47	42.61	42.61	31.95

(d) & (e): There is no proposal to include any new area including Tribal area in Erode district of Tamil Nadu under HADP.