

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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INTEGRATED WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

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(a) the names of coastal areas in the country where Integrated Wasteland Development Programme is under implementation at present; and

(b) the areas brought under cultivation in the country including State of Andhra Pradesh during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) was under implementation in all the States of the country earlier. But the IWDP along with two other area development programmes viz., Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), have been consolidated and integrated into a single modified programme called Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) with effect from 26.02.2009 for development of rainfed/degraded areas in the country including the coastal areas. No new projects under IWDP have been sanctioned since 2007-08.

Under IWMP, the projects are selected based upon following criteria for prioritization: Poverty index, Percentage of Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribes population, Actual wages, Percentage of small and marginal farmers, Ground water status, Moisture index, Area under rain-fed agriculture, Drinking water, Degraded land, Productivity potential of the land, Contiguity to another watershed that has already been developed/ treated and Cluster approach.

Any area including coastal area, satisfying the above criteria of prioritization, qualifies for treatment under IWMP.

(b) In order to understand the dynamics of wastelands through comparison of spatial statistics a project on Wasteland Change Analysis between 2005-06 and 2008-09 had been assigned to National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad by the Department of Land Resources. The findings of the project have been published as Wastelands Atlas of India 2011. As per Wastelands Atlas of India-2011, the total area of wasteland that has been reduced and put to productive use from 2005-06 to 2008-09 in the country including Andhra Pradesh is 5240.78 sq. kms. The State / UT wise details are given at Annexure.