

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 400
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2025

RAINFED AREA DEVELOPMENT UNDER PMRKVY

400. DR. BYREDDY SHABARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of activities undertaken under the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) component of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PMRKVY) in Andhra Pradesh, especially Nandyal, during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for RAD in Andhra Pradesh during the said period, year and district-wise;
- (c) the number of farmers and villages covered under RAD in Andhra Pradesh along with details of integrated farming systems, water conservation projects and soil management activities undertaken;
- (d) whether any evaluation has been conducted on the impact of RAD in improving farm productivity, income levels and climate resilience in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the findings thereof; and
- (e) whether any proposals from Andhra Pradesh for expansion or new projects under RAD are currently pending and if so, the details and current status thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rainfed Area Development (RAD) across the country including Andhra Pradesh since 2014-15. The scheme focuses on promoting Integrated Farming System (IFS) in the country for enhancing productivity and minimizing risks associated with climatic variability. Under the scheme, crops/cropping system is integrated with activities like horticulture, livestock, fishery, agro-forestry, apiculture etc.

Details of activities undertaken during the last five years, funds allocated, released and expenditure in respect of State of Andhra Pradesh including Nandyal district for implementation of the program are at **Annexure- I**. Nandyal district has not been covered so far during 2025-26.

(d) & (e): Evaluation Study of RAD Program has been carried out by NITI Aayog in 2025. The Study found that RAD interventions, when bundled and implemented in a site-appropriate manner, have proven to be effective in enhancing livelihood security in vulnerable agro-climatic zones and has resulted in substantially enhancing adaptive capacity in drought-prone regions. 61.27% of the beneficiaries described the impact as very positive, while another 33.89% observed some positive change which point towards the success of RAD in boosting resilience against climatic shocks, either through soil-moisture conservation, diversified cropping systems, or landscape-based development approaches. The study further recommended that scaling these interventions with a focus on convergence and localized tailoring could further deepen mission's transformative impact. During 2025–26, central assistance of Rs.1096.0 Lakh has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh for implementation of their RAD Annual Action Plan for the above amount out of which Rs. 548.0 lakh have been released in first instalment.

Annexure-I

Year wise details of central funds allocated, released & utilized and activities undertaken in Andhra Pradesh

(Amount in Lakhs)

Year	Allocation (Central share)	Released (Central share)	Expenditure (Central share)	No of farmers benefitted	Area covered (in ha)
2021-22	1000.00	0.00	0.00	-	-
2022-23	1000.00	250.00	250.00	14256	8910
2023-24	1399.00	0.00	0.00	-	-
2024-25	1400.00	351.00	0.00	-	-
2025-26	1096.00	548.00	548.00	3541	2975
Total	5895.00	1149.00	798.00	17797	11885

District wise release of funds reported by the State during the year 2022-23 & 2025-26

Name of District	Amount utilised in Lakh Rs. (including State share) 2022-23	Amount utilised in Lakh Rs. (including State share) 2025-26
Nandyal	8.00	-
Tirupathi	9.76	-
Annamaiah	19.28	-
Kadapa	15.76	-
Prakasam	113.48	340.84
Kurnool	58.00	22.75
Anathapuramu	67.33	3.17
Chittoor	42.51	494.40
Sri SatyaSai	57.10	-
Kakinada	-	35.94
Nellore	-	8.87
Vizianagaram	-	2.89
Visakhapatnam	-	4.49
Total	391.22	913.35
