

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of welfare activities/schemes/programmes being run by his Ministry under the `Wasteland Development and Forestry Schemes` launched under the welfare schemes for the farmers and the formulae adopted for providing loans and other financial assistance by the Government under it and the contributions of the State Governments in this regard; and

(b) the details of welfare schemes under the `wasteland development and forestry schemes` being run in Rajasthan directly by his Ministry or by the Government of Rajasthan or other voluntary organizations during the last four years since 1998 and funds provided by the Government as loans or financial assistance in this regard, year-wise, scheme-wise and agency-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing following land based programmes in the country for the development of degraded lands/wastelands:

1. National Watershed Development Project in Rainfed Areas. (Subsumed under Macro Management Mode of implementation through work plans)
2. Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of degraded lands in the catchments of River Valley Projects & Flood Prone Rivers (RVP & FPR) (Subsumed under Macro Management Mode of implementation through work plans)
3. (a) Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas.

In addition, the Department of Land Resources of Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Environment and Forests have also been implementing some schemes for the development of wastelands/forest areas in the country including Rajasthan. These are:

1. Integrated Wastelands Development Programme.
2. Drought Prone Area Programme.
3. Desert Development Programme.
4. Integrated Afforestation & Eco-Development Project Scheme.
5. Area Oriented Fuelwood & Fodder Project.
6. Non-Timber Forest Produce.
7. Grant in Aid to N.G.Ss/VAs

Major activities undertaken in the above schemes are afforestation, agro-forestry, horticulture, pasture development, silvi-pasture and soil and water conservation works like construction of check dams and water harvesting structures etc. with due support of drainage line treatment measures and sediment monitoring stations.

These activities generate employment for the farmers, apart from providing them smallwood, fuelwood, fodder, fruits and grasses etc.

A statement showing schemes for the development of degraded land/wasteland/forest areas being implemented in Rajasthan by

different Ministries of Government of India and scheme-wise and year-wise financial assistance released under the schemes since 1998 including financing pattern is annexed.

Statement showing schemes for the development of degraded land/wasteland being implemented in Rajasthan by different Ministries of Government of India and scheme-wise and year-wise financial assistance released since 1998.

(Rs. in lakh)

Ministry/Department Name of Scheme	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02	Financing pattern (Central/ State Share)	
A. Department of Agriculture and Cooperation	1.National Watershed Project in Rainfed Areas.	3829.510	3932.710	3895.820	3692.540	90:10
	2.Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of degraded lands in the catchments of River Valley Projects & Flood Prone Rivers (RVP&FPR)	1287.20	1695.72	1558.13	1324.67	90:10
B. Department of Land Resources.	3.Integrated Wastelands Development Programme	74.47	432.85	831.28	1040.72	90:10
	4. Drought Prone Area Programme	173.00	386.00	981.00	1195.00	75:25
	5. Desert Development Programme	5064.00	3901.00	7854.00	8164.00	75:25
C. Ministry of Environment and Forests	6. Integrated Afforestation & Eco-Development Project Scheme	253.39	376.57	432.67	291.34	100:00
	7. Area Oriented Fuelwood & Fodder Project	263.35	160.00	7.18	61.79	50:00
	8.Non-Timber Forest Produce	130.40	116.21	139.40	234.40	50:00
	9.Grant in Aid to N.G.Os/VAs	- -	2.50	7.00		100:00