

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2105
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EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR NON-FOREST WASTELANDS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have received requests from the States especially from the State Government of Gujarat to approve the external aid for development of non-forest wastelands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a)to(c): The Ministry has not received any proposal from the State Government of Gujarat seeking external aid for development of non-forest wastelands. However, the following four proposals seeking foreign assistance have been received from the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. These proposals have been supported by the Ministry of Rural Development and sent to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance. The DEA has forwarded the above proposals to the donor agencies for consideration.

- (i) Project proposal for Watershed Programme by Dutch assistance in five districts of Andhra Pradesh viz. Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak, Khammam and Rangareddy - Project cost - Rs. 543.88 crores.
- (ii) Extension Proposal for Dutch assisted APWELL Project to be implemented in 9 districts of Andhra Pradesh viz. Karimnagar, Nalgonda, Mehboob Nagar, Kurnool, Prakasham, Anantpur, Cuddapah, Nellore and Chittoor - Project cost - Rs. 431.22 crores.
- (iii) Project proposal for Technical Cooperation (TC) component of German assistance to watershed projects in four districts of Andhra Pradesh viz. Medak, Karimnagar, Warangal and Adilabad.
- (iv) Madhya Pradesh Rural Livelihoods Project proposal for Department for International Development (DFID) assistance for covering six districts of Madhya Pradesh viz. Jhabua, Dindori, Badwani, Mandla, Dhar and Shahdol in the first phase - Project cost - 17.02 million pound.