

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IWDP FOR RURAL POVERTY IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the North Eastern States and Sikkim have sent any proposals regarding the Integrated Watershed Development Project for Rural Poverty Alleviation through land based activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) the number of projects lying pending with the Union Government, District-wise; and
- (d) the time by which these are likely to be cleared ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Proposals regarding the Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP) for development of non-forest wastelands on watershed approach have been received from the North Eastern States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland for sanction during the current financial year i.e. 2002-03. No project proposals under IWDP have been received from the States of Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Sikkim during the current financial year i.e. 2002-03 so far. The details of the project proposals received, sanctioned and pending with the Ministry, State-wise and district-wise are given in the statement enclosed.

Under this programme, the project proposals are prioritized in consultation with the State Governments on year to year basis for sanction during a financial year. The pending project proposals which are not sanctioned in a financial year are also considered for prioritization during the next financial year in consultation with the State Government. The pending project proposals which do not find a place in the priority list, are then returned to the State Governments. Since sanction of project proposals depends on many factors including conformity of project proposals with the Guidelines, progress in the ongoing projects, prioritization of the District etc., hence, no time limit can be indicated.