

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing/proposed projects for Wasteland Development in Orissa particularly in the KBK districts of the State including implementation and operationalization; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing two major Watershed Development Programmes namely, integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) & Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) in Orissa State on watershed basis in accordance with the Guidelines for Watershed Development w.e.f. 1.4.1995. Thus far, 30 projects for treatment of an area of 2.13 lakh hectares and at a total cost of Rs. 106.25 crore have been sanctioned under IWDP for various Districts in Orissa State. Out of which, 8 projects or treatment of an area of 0.65 lakh hectares and at a total cost of Rs. 31.65 crore have been sanctioned particularly in the KBK Districts. A total amount of Rs. 27.61 crore has been released to Orissa State for these projects as central share including Rs. 7.88 crore to the 5 KBK districts. Under DPAP, 684 projects for treatment of an area of 3.42 lakh hectares at a total cost of Rs. 186.00 crore have been sanctioned in Orissa State. Out of which, 272 projects for treatment of an area of 1.36 lakh hectares and at a total cost of Rs. 78.30 crore have been sanctioned particularly in the KBK Districts. An amount of Rs. 32.75 crore has been released to these projects as Central Share so far including Rs. 12.72 crore to the KBK Districts. No new IWDP/DPAP proposals in respect of KBK Districts are pending consideration in this Ministry.