

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:198
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2003
SCHEMES/POLICIES FOR UTILIZATION OF LAND AND WATER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is giving priority to policies for better utilisation of land and water to increase growth in agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details of schemes/policies framed by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the result achieved therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 198 DUE FOR F
ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2003.

(a): Government of India have accorded abiding importance to improving the quality of country's land and water resources. In the National Agriculture Policy-2000 (NAP- 2000), development and management of land and water resources on watershed basis, development/reclamation of degraded land and on-farm water management are some of the thrust areas for sustainable agriculture production.

(b): The Government of India are implementing various programmes namely, (i) National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR); (ii) Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project & Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR); (iii) Reclamation of Alkali Soils (RAS); (iv) Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSA); (v) Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP); (vi) Desert Development Programme; (vii) Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP); (viii) Reclamation of Waterlogged Area under Command Area Development Programme; (ix) Integrated Afforestation & Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS), and (x) On Farm Water Management for Increasing Crop Production in Eastern India for sustainable agricultural production.

(c): Since inception upto IX Five Year Plan, an area of 29.198 million ha. has been treated with an expenditure of Rs.10149.73 crore under various Watershed Development Programmes in the country as per details annexed.

Annexure

Statement indicating Area Developed under various Watershed Development Programmes, since Inception upto IX Plan

(Area in lakh ha. and Expenditure in Rs. crore)

S.No	Ministry/Scheme	(Year of Start)	Upto	During IX Plan	Area treated since inception
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VIII upto IX Plan
Plan

Area Treated	Expen- diture	Area Treated	Expen- diture	Area Treated	Expen- diture
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I) Min. of Agri.,
Department of
Agri. & Coopn.

1. NWDPR (1990-91) 42.23 967.93 27.56 909.81 69.79 1877.74

2. RVP & FPR (1962 & 81)	42.83	944.62	12.03	571.58	54.86	1516.20
3. WDPSCA (1974-75)	0.74	93.73	1.84	72.54	2.58	166.27
4. Alkali Soil (1985-86)	4.84	62.29	0.97	14.09	5.81	76.38
5. EAPs	10.00	64-6.00	5.00	1425.00	15.00	2071.00
Sub Total	100.64	2714.57	47.40	2993.02	148.04	5707.59

II) Min. of Rural
Development,
Department of
Land Resources

1. DPAP (1973-74)	68.60	1109.95	29.64	658.29	98.24	1768.24
2. DDP (1977-78)	8.48	722.79	15.34	519.79	23.82	1242.58
3. IWDP (1988-89)	2.84	542.96	14.49	496.80	17.33	1039.76
4. TDET (1993-94)	-nil	-nil	0.32	41.57	0.32	41.57
5. IPS (1994-95)	-nil	-nil	0.01	0.59	0.01	0.59
6. WDTF	0.01	4.74	-nil	-nil	0.01	4.74
Sub Total	79.93	2380.44	59.80	1717.04	139.73	4097.48

III) Ministry of Environment and Forests

1. IAEPS (1989-90)	2.98	203.12	1.23	141.54	4.21	344.66
GRAND TOTAL	183.55	5298.13	108.43	4851.60	291.98	10149.73

Details of abbreviations:

NWDPRA - National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas
RVP & FPR - River Valley Projects & Flood Prone Rivers
WDPSCA - Watershed Development Project for Shifting Cultivation Areas
E.A.Ps - Externally Aided Projects
DPAP - Drought Prone Area Programme
IWDP - Integrated Wasteland Development Project
TDET - Technology Development, Extension & Training
IPS - Investment Promotional Scheme
WDTF - Wasteland Development Task Force
IAEPS - Integrated Afforestation & Eco-development Project Scheme