

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4334
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PER HECTARE UNIT COST UNDER WDP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the unit cost per hectare under the Watershed Development Programme (WDP);
- (b) whether the Government have decided to revise the Unit cost;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government have received any representations from the State Governments including Andhra Pradesh for enhancement of the unit cost under the Programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA):

(a) to (e) The cost norm for watershed development projects under the three programmes namely, Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) has been raised to Rs. 6000 per hectare in September, 2001 from the earlier cost norms varying from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 5000 per ha. after considering representations from various States including Andhra Pradesh. The revised rates have been made applicable to the projects sanctioned after 1.4.2000.