

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:683  
ANSWERED ON:12.07.2004  
DEVELOPMENT OF WASTELAND  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has initiated effort for development and management of wasteland in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of quantum of wasteland in the country that has been developed for agricultural purpose through different centrally sponsored projects, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has time-bound plan for development of wasteland; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Government of India are implementing various programmes, viz., Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR), Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project & Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR), Reclamation of Alkali Soils (RAS) and Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) for development of rainfed areas / treatment of problem lands, including wastelands.

(c): The State-wise and programme-wise details are annexed.

(d)&(e): The Working Group on Watershed Development, Rainfed Farming and Natural Resource Management for X Five Year Plan, constituted by Planning Commission has suggested a perspective plan for development of 88.50 million ha. area in 20 years through watershed development programmes for development of rainfed areas/degraded lands, including wastelands.

**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT SHOWING ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PROGRAMMES UNDER DPAP, DDP, IWDP, NWDPR, RVP & FPR, RAS AND WDPSCA SINCE INCEPTION UPTO 2003-04.**

Sl.No.	STATE	DPAP	DDP	IWDP	NWDPR	RVP	RAS	WDPSCA
		Phy.	Phy.	Phy.	& FPR	Phy.	Phy.	
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1	ANDHRA PRADESH	3253	662	427912	306291	290120		
2	BIHAR	295	54000	34094	163550			
3	CHHATTISGARH	769	139106	65816	13490			
4	GUJARAT	1609	1974	320669	567916	139200	12560	
5	GOA	10000	6890					
6	HARYANA	772	72962	45505	73900	188620		
7	HIMACHAL PRA.	278	420	287857	57896	303330		
8	JHARKHAND	1019	57679	14150	0			
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	340	577	62447	18088	76930		
10	KARNATAKA	1613	998	278682	786397	675690	1740	
11	KERALA	44551	158754	34700				
12	MADHYA PRADESH	2355	407810	1050301	1105190	90		
13	MAHARASHTRA	2507	258143	1185165	265740			
14	ORISSA	830	251481	402538	251560			
15	PUNJAB	14731	23622	34040	276540			
16	RAJASTHAN	776	4473	276739	1155293	721930	14170	
17	TAMILNADU	1064	227237	464486	140630	930		
18	UTTAR PRADESH	1226	475506	57935	688000	129770		
19	UTTRANCHAL	542	129346	51519	178020			

20 WEST BENGAL	327	15460	144125	138990
21 A & N ISLANDS		5749		
22 D & N HAVELI		84		
23 OTHERS		514910		

TOTAL 18803 9876 3812318 7123984 5809920 624420

North East

1 ARUNACHAL PRADESH	95971	7643	20709
2 ASSAM	373688	93953	21090 22167
3 MANIPUR	148968	28042	44925
4 MEGHALAYA	62725	31388	22303
5 MIZORAM	193803	72755	2470 69775
6 NAGALAND	275930	62452	61372
7 SIKKIM	96006	30146	24760
8 TRIPURA	19423	44203	10960 22906

TOTAL NORTH EASTERN 0 0 1266514 370582 59280 264157

GRAND TOTAL 18803 9876 5078832 7494566 5869200 624420 264157

DPAP - DROUGHT PRONE AREA PROGRAMME (1973-74)  
DDP - DESERT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (1977-78)  
IWDP - INTEGRATED WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (1988-89)  
NWDpra - NATIONAL WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES OF RAINFED AREAS (1990-91)  
RVP & FPR - RIVER VALLEY PROJECTS AND FLOOD PRONE RIVERS (1961-62 & 1981-82)  
RAS - RECLAMATION OF ALKALI SOIL (1985-86)  
WDPSCA - WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR SHIFTING CULTIVATION AREAS (1974-75)

Note:- A project under DPAP and DDP generally covers an area of 500 hectares.

Years in the parentheses indicates the year of launching of the programme.