

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether domestic resources are inadequate for the development of wasteland in areas like Southern Plateau which receives scanty rainfall and land slide-prone Himalayan region;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has sought for any assistance for the development of these regions;
- (c) if so, the names of the countries from which financial assistance has been received during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the area of the land in hectares developed by the Government from this assistance, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development is administering programmes such as Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) in the country including the Southern Plateau and Himalayan Region for development of desert and drought prone areas and wastelands/degraded lands. These programmes are being implemented on watershed basis and have components to develop/reclaim wastelands and degraded lands by checking land degradation and putting such lands to productive use. The details of areas sanctioned and funds released under the IWDP, DPAP and DDP to various States including the Himalayan Region and Southern Plateau areas during the last three years are as under :-

Programmes	Project		Funds
	sanctioned	released	
	(in lakh hectares)	(Rs. in crores)	
IWDP	460	24.60	848.57
DPAP	7563	37.82	844.79
DDP	4764	23.82	614.78
Total	12787	86.24	2308.14

The projects sanctioned under the above schemes are implemented over a period of five years. Accordingly, the projects are at various stages of implementation.

2. Ministry of Rural Development administers the following projects which also include development of wastelands with the assistance of foreign donor agencies in Southern Plateau and Himalayan region. The physical and financial progress of these projects during the period 2002-03 to 2004-05 are as below :

S Name of the project Amount Wasteland Developed
No. received/ (in hectares)
utilized
(Rs. in crores)

No.	Name of the project	Amount received/ (in crores)	Wasteland Developed (in hectares)
1	Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) assisted Tree Growers` Cooperatives Project (TGCP)	16.83	3015
	Uttaranchal	215	1552
	Total	6925	4567

2	European Commission (EC) assisted Haryana Community Forestry Project (HCFP)	42.06	25000
3	Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) assisted Attappady Wasteland Comprehensive Environmental Conservation Project, Kerala	34.54	9271
4	Department for International Development (DFID), U.K. assisted Andhra Pradesh Rural Livelihoods Project (APRLP)	166.92	125000

While funds for implementation of the project at S.No.(4) above are being provided through the Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development, under other three projects these are being provided directly to the Implementing Agencies through the Department of Economic Affairs.