

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3604  
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DEVELOPMENT OF MARU GOCHAR .  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) The details of the scheme for developing `Maru Gochar` and the funds provided to Rajasthan thereunder since inception of the scheme; and

(b) the time by which the balance amount is likely to be provided, if any ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SURYKANTA PATIL)

(a)&(b): Maru Gochar Yojana (MGY) was launched in 2003-04 to develop traditional pasture lands in ten districts of Western Rajasthan with a total outlay of Rs.100 crore with the State Government contributing 25%. Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance released an amount of Rs.458.94 lakh to the concerned Zilla Parishads during 2003- 04. Subsequently, during 2004-05, Ministry of Finance requested Ministry of Rural Development to consider absorption of MGY in Desert Development Programme (DDP). Accordingly, the sites selected under the erstwhile MGY have been included in DDP special projects areas by the State Government and funds for MGY are being released as part of the Desert Development Programme.