

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PENDING FUNDS UNDER NFFWP AND OTHER SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a request from State Government of Rajasthan to release pending funds regarding National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Area Project (DPAP) and Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these pending funds are likely to be released ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a)to (c) Yes, Sir. A reference was received from the State Government of Rajasthan regarding release of central funds in lieu of reduced quantity of foodgrains allocation during 2005-06 under National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP). In this regard, attention of the State Government was drawn towards the instructions that ongoing works under NFFWP should be completed with the resources already available with the Districts. In case of paucity of funds for completing the ongoing works, the same may be assessed and funded by the Programme Officer or by the District Programme Coordinator, out of their share.

The Ministry has released an amount of Rs. 160.25 crore and Rs. 25.82 crore under Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) during 2006-07 to the State of Rajasthan. During the current year 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 12.22 crore and Rs. 4.57 crore has been released so far under DDP and DPAP respectively. Under the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), an amount of Rs. 42.76 crore was released during 2006-07 and Rs. 9.73 crore has been released so far during 2007-08.