

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2278
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2004
HILL AREA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
Pingle Shri Devidas Anandrao

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide the facility of concrete roads, water bodies, accommodation, clean potable water and health care in the hilly regions under the Hill Area Development Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any special package has been announced for the hilly areas of Maharashtra particularly for the Nasik district; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): There are two programmes in operation for hill areas, namely, Hill Areas Development Programme (HADP) and the Western Ghats Development Programme (WGDP). Under HADP, a Plan is prepared encompassing all the sectors and hence schemes to fill critical gaps and meet felt needs in any sector can be taken up within the overall consideration of eco-preservation and eco-restoration. Under WGDP which covers the designated talukas of the Western Ghats including those of Maharashtra, the main emphasis is on watershed development, participatory approach, innovative schemes for bio-diversity conservation, schemes for income generation and infrastructure to fill critical gaps.

(c)&(d): No, Sir, However, the designated talukas of the Western Ghats including those of Nasik district in Maharashtra continue to be allocated Special Central Assistance under WGDP. The allocation under WGDP for Maharashtra in 2004-05 is Rs. 21.06 crore.