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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES UNDER IWMP

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of common guidelines laid down by the Government for smooth implementation of three long term watershed development programmes under Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) being implemented till April, 2008; and
- (b) the extent to which the aforesaid programmes have been found beneficial in various regions; and
- (c) the total area of wasteland in hectares that has been developed under these schemes during the last three years, State-wise and scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

- (a) There was no Integrated Watershed Management Programme prior to April, 2008. All the three watershed development programmes viz., Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) were implemented under Guidelines for Watershed Development, Revised Guidelines for Watershed Development and Hariyali Guidelines during different periods. The details of these Guidelines are summarized in Annexure-I.
- (b) The aforesaid programmes have been found beneficial as revealed by the studies conducted by The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI) and International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). A gist of the findings of these studies is enclosed at Annexure-II.
- (c) The statement of area (wasteland/ desert/ drought prone/ rainfed area) covered during last three years, State-wise and Scheme-wise is enclosed at Annexure-III.