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DRY LAND FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated to various States by the Union Government for encouraging dryland farming during the last two years, State-wise;
- (b) the total area of land brought under dry land farming during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the incentives given to the farmers for dry land farming; and
- (d) the extent to which success has been achieved in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a): For the promotion of rainfed / dryland farming, various watershed programmes are being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Rural Development through integrated watershed management approach. The details of these programmes are; Ministry of Agriculture

1. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA)
2. Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP&FPR)
3. Watershed Development Project for Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) Ministry of Rural Development
1. Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)
2. Desert Development Programme (DDP)
3. Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP).

These programmes have been integrated and consolidated into a single modified programme called Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) w.e.f. 26.02.2009 State Wise allocation / expenditure made under various watershed programmes during the last two years (2009-10 to 2010-11) is given at Annexure I.

(b): Details of area coverage under watershed development during the last three years and target for current year are given at Annexure II. Besides, Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP) as a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) was launched in 2011-12 with an outlay of Rs. 250 crore in 10 states covering an area of about 1.2lakhha.

(c) & (d): In watershed programmes, assistance is provided to farmers for natural resource management activities. Besides, in all agriculture development programmes, incentives are provided to farmers in terms of subsidy for various agricultural inputs / operations. Watershed programmes have helped in increasing production & productivity in rainfed / degraded areas.