

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, HAYRANA

LIST OF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) **WITH REPLY PERTAINING TO WATERSHED** **DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (DDP/IWDP).**

Sr. No.	Questionnaire	Reply
1.	What are the Aims & objectives of Watershed Development Programme ?	The objectives of this programme are to mitigate the adverse effects of drought and desertification and adverse climatic conditions on crops and livestock population and Restore ecological balance of the affected areas to promote the economic development.
2.	In how many districts Watershed Development Programme in Haryana is being implemented ?	Desert Development Programme based on watershed development approach is being implemented in 7 districts of Bhiwani, Hisar, Fatehabad, Jhajjar, Sirsa, Rewari and Narnaul. Integrated Wasteland Development Programme covers 12 districts viz. Ambala, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Karnal, Kaithal, Jind, Sonipat, Panipat, Mewat, Panchkula, Rohtak & Yamuna Nagar.
3.	How many Watershed Development Projects have been sanctioned under Watershed Development Programme?	Under DDP, 1189 Watershed Development Projects and 26 projects under IWDP have been sanctioned since 1995-96 by the Govt. of India.
4.	How such watersheds are maintained?	The assets created on community lands are being maintained by the concerned Gram Panchayats and similar assets created on the lands of individual farmers are maintained by the Members of groups/committees from the fund created for each watershed.
5.	Whether scheme of DDP successful in its purpose, if not, what further efforts are being made?	<p>DDP scheme has been quite successful to achieve its objectives to control desertification in the targeted areas. Mainly, the soil conservation works, minor check dams, plantation, Crop demonstration, field bunding are the key activities under the said programme.</p> <p>Now the GOI have introduced New Common Guidelines- 2008 under Watershed Development Programme and the ongoing area development programme have been merged into new programme called Integrated Watershed Management Programme. The new Watershed Development projects would be implemented as per these new guidelines.</p>

6.	What is the procedure to implement the Integrated Wasteland Development Programme?	The Govt. of India had been sanctioning IWDP projects based in non- DDP districts on the recommendations of district concerned/ State Govt. After sanctioning of project, the concerned DRDA makes necessary institutional arrangements, carry out rural participatory exercise in the identified villages, organize workshops/ training for general awareness etc. The Action Plan is drawn by the concerned Gram Panchayat based on the recommendations of the Gram Sabha. The technical guidance in the preparation of Perspective Plan and also implementation of the project is being extended by the Project Implementing Agency (PIA) nominated by the DRDA.
7.	What is the estimated cost of each watershed development project under DDP?	The cost of the each watershed development project is Rs. 30.00 lacs calculated @ of Rs. 6000/- per hectare. But under the New Common Guidelines the cost per hectare has been enhanced from Rs. 6000/- to 12000/- per hectare.
8.	What is the duration of Watershed Development Projects?	The duration prescribed by Govt. of India is 5 years for completion of each project. However under the New Common Guidelines this ranges from 4 to 7 years depending upon nature of activities.
9.	How many Watershed Development projects have been completed?	250 Watershed Development Projects under DDP and 3 projects under IWDP have been completed.