

## National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas

The scheme of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) was launched in 1990-91 based on twin concepts of integrated watershed management and sustainable farming systems. The scheme was subsumed under the Scheme for Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) in the year 2000-2001 and was implemented as a component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) in 28 States and 2 UTs. Funds were released to the States based on Approved Annual Work Plan. The Scheme was discontinued due to closer of MMA Scheme w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013. The objectives of the NWDPR are:

- *conservation, development and sustainable management of natural resources.*
- *enhancement of agricultural production and productivity in a sustainable manner.*
- *restoration of ecological balance in the degraded and fragile rainfed eco-systems by greening these areas through appropriate mix of trees, shrubs and grasses.*
- *reduction in regional disparity between irrigated and rainfed areas and;*
- *creation of sustained employment opportunities for the rural community including the landless.*

**The Achievements made under NWDPR are:**

*Area in lakh ha. / Expenditure in Rs. crore*

Sr. No.	Plan period	No. of Micro Watersheds	Area developed	Expenditure
1.	VIII	2554	42.232	966.93
2.	IX	3007	27.663	910.81
3.	X	6315	24.133	1156.92
	<b>Total up to X Plan</b>	<b>11876</b>	<b>94.028</b>	<b>3034.66</b>
4.	XI	3744		
	2007-08		3.736	219.09
	2008-09		2.624	264.67
	2009-10		2.768	283.38
	2010-11		2.930	297.75
	2011-12		2.315	221.48
	<b>Total XI Plan</b>		14.370	1286.37
5	2012-13*		1.909	178.82
	<b>Total</b>		14.574	1297.30
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15620</b>	<b>110.310</b>	<b>4499.85</b>

\* The balance works of the approved watersheds of the XII Plan Period were taken up during the year 2012-13.