

WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT FUND (WDF)

INTRODUCTION

The Union Government has established a Watershed Development Fund (WDF) during 2000 with a total corpus of Rs. 200 crore which includes Rs. 100 crore by Department of Agriculture and Rs. 100 crore by NABARD as a matching contribution. The total corpus lies with NABARD.

OBJECTIVE OF WDF

The objective of the fund is to spread the message of Participatory Watershed Development involving Watershed Community, State Government Departments, Banks, Agricultural Research Institutions and NGOs.

FINANCING PATTERN

The financing pattern of WDF is 50% grant and 50% loan. WDF fund is being utilized on 100% grant basis for the watershed activities in the 31 distressed districts under the PM's Package .

COVERAGE OF THE STATES

Presently, 13 States namely, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand , Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal are being covered under WDF. 4 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra are covered under PM's Package in so far as distressed districts are concerned.

PROGRESS OF WDF

Since inception till the end of March, 2010 an amount of Rs.190.09 crore consisting of Rs.56.99 crore in the watersheds selected in Non Distressed Districts of 13 States and **Rs.137.24 crore in the watersheds selected in 31 Distressed Districts in 4 States under PM's Package** has been utilized. The list of districts covered under PM's package is given at Annexure-I. The target is to cover 9.30 lakh ha area under watershed development through WDF in these distressed districts.

ANNEXURE-I**List of Identified Districts**

Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka	Kerala	Maharashtra
01. Prakasam 02. Guntur 03. Nellore 04. Chittoor 05. Cuddapah 06. Ananthapur 07. Kurnool 08. Adilabad 09. Karimnagar 10. Khammam 11. Mahbubnagar 12. Medak 13. Nalgonda 14. Nizamabad 15. Rangareddy 16. Warangal	1. Belgaum 2. Hassan 3. Chitradurga 4. Chikmagalur 5. Kodagu 6. Shimoga	1. Wayanad 2. Palakkad 3. Kasaragod	1. Akola 2. Wardha 3. Amravati 4. Buldhana 5. Wasim 6. Yavatmal