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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4104**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025,

**Uncultivable Land of Etawah due to lack of Water Management**

4104. SHRI Jitendra Kumar Dohare:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that about 50% of the land in Etawah district is ravine/barren, which is not cultivable due to excessive erosion, rugged terrain and lack of water management;
- (b) if so, the special cognizance taken by the Government in this regard along with the steps taken so far;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey and research by constituting a scientific committee to study the topography, soil structure and drainage system of this region;
- (e) if so, the progress made so far and the plan for the future;
- (f) whether the Government is implementing an integrated scheme for water conservation, soil management and increasing green cover, if so, the details of concrete steps taken so far;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to convert the ravine/barren lands into fertile lands as well as to allot to eligible farmers; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (h): As reported by State Government of Uttar Pradesh, the problematic area including ravines/barren in Etawah district is 31508 ha, which is about 13% of the of total 240270 ha geographical area of the district.

Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed technologies for reclamation of ravine land such as levelling and terracing, peripheral bunding, bamboo-based gully plugs, water harvesting structures, etc. These technologies have been shared with various stakeholders of Etawah district through several training programs by ICAR - Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Research Centre, Agra.

Department of Land Resources is implementing Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-WDC) in the country including Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh for development of rainfed/ degraded areas including wastelands in the country. The scheme has major activities which inter alia includes ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development, etc. 9(nine) projects covering area of 41218 ha were sanctioned and implemented during 2009-10 to 2021-22 under PMKSY-WDC-1.0 in Etawah and one project covering an area of 4850 ha has been sanctioned in the district during 2021-22 under PMKSY-WDC- 2.0.

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