

IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS

A. Allotment of waste land to SHG of BPL Family and Gram Panchyat :

Total 41127 hect. wasteland has been identified in the 12 districts of Rajasthan (Baran, Banswara, Bhilwara, Bundi, Chittorgarh, Dungarpur, Jhalawar, Kota, Rajsamand, Sirohi, Udaipur, Pratapgarh). Out of which 12858.50 hect. Wasteland has been allotted. 8436.95 hect. Wasteland has been allotted to 941 Self Help group of BPL families and 4421.56 hect. Wasteland has been allotted to 418 Gram Panchyat on Gair Khatadari basis.

B. Jatropha / Karanj Plantation

- Plantation under MGNERGA - All the C.E.O. Zila Parishad were directed to include Jatropha Plantation in the annual action plan under Mahatma Gandhi NERGA. So far apprx. 2.78 cr plants have been planted under the scheme by Gram Panchayats / SHGs/ Forest department.
- Under the programme of raising of Jatropha seedling, financial progress of 645.81 lacs achieved against Rs. 725 lacs allotted by Land Resource Department of Govt. of India.
- Road side Plantation - Under "Green Rajasthan' project a target of 15.782 lac Jatropha Plantation along the roads was fixed.
- Area of apprx. 3,55,556 ha. have been managed by Forest Department through Plantation of Jatropha & Karanj through total 2112 Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC) of the department.
- Plantation work is being promoted through SHGs of Rajeev Gandhi Ajeevika Vikas Parishad, Rajasthan.
- Plantation of Karanj has been targeted in 80 ha. under Pilot Project.
- Plantation of Jatropha, Karanj, Mahua & Neem have been targeted under National Mission on Oil Seeds & Oil Palm (NMOOP) in the state.
- Plantation of local varieties like Karanj, Mahua, Jatropha, Jaitun, Khejri have been targeted in 140 ha. area under Pilot Project in 14 districts.

C. Training & Capacity Building for Jatropha Plantation

- Orientation & training of stake holders at district level is being provided by the Agriculture Universities of Udaipur, Kota & Jodhpur in the 12 districts of the state.
- Awareness & training of beneficiaries is being provided by the local NGOs of the districts registered as PIAs with Zila Parishads.

D. IEC activities/ Publicity

- Technical manual on Jatropha cultivation has been prepared & distributed to beneficiaries.
- Brochure of Jatropha plantation has been distributed among beneficiaries.

- Handouts of additional income through Jatropha seed collection has been prepared & distributed to all stakeholders indicating MSP & seed procurement center details..
- Awareness of local people regarding Jatropha plantation & seed collection through Puppet shows, Radio jingles, TV shows, News Paper advertisement and posters etc. done.

E. Bio-fuel Processing

- Processing Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Ltd Udaipur has established one MT per day capacity trans-esterification demonstrative plant at Jhamar Kotra Mines premises in Udaipur.
- Oil Companies (HPCL) has announced to establish Bio diesel blending centers at Salawas in Jodhpur and Sanganer in Jaipur. Similarly IOC has also started their blending unit at Ajmer.

F. Steps taken to promote Bio-fuel in the state

1. Bio - fuel policy announced: Rajasthan land Revenue Rules, 2007 (Allotment of waste land for bio-fuel plantation and bio-fuel based Industrial and processing unit) issued
2. Minimum 70% of wasteland available in the districts will be allotted to SHGs of BPL families, Gram Panchayats, Agriculture co-operative societies, registered societies and village Forest Protection and Management Committees. Preference will be given to SHG's of BPL families. Up to 30% of wasteland will be allotted to Private companies (registered under Indian company Act, 1956) and Government Enterprises.
3. Government Enterprises and Private Companies will be given preference to establish processing plant where the following works along with cultivation of Jatropha, Pongamia and other such tree born oilseeds for Bio-Diesel:
 - Establish a processing unit including trans-esterification unit / Bio diesel refinery
 - Take up research and development work for package of practice.
 - Establish a nursery for developing good quality planting material and seeds.
 - Provide employment to local people's on priority.
4. Finance department has exempted Jatropha, crude bio-diesel and 100% Bio-Diesel (B-100) from VAT.
5. Seed purchasing arrangement by Government.
 - From 13.05.14, the State level committee has fixed the minimum purchase price of Jatropha at Rs. 12.00 per Kg.
 - RAJAS SANGH is also purchasing Jatropha seeds from tribal areas @ Rs. 15/- per Kg.
6. Guide lines for plantation of Jatropha on degraded forest land by involving private companies and JFPMC issued by the forest department.