

DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURE SUPPORT PROJECT

Diversified Agriculture Support Project was started from September, 1998 and closed on 31st March 2004. The Project was started in 157 blocks of 32 districts in different phases. The out lay of the Project was 160.5 million US\$ equivalent to 699 crores. Consequent to bifurcation of Uttaranchal, project became 2 state projects and its outlay was divided between Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal. The share of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal was 145.07 million US\$ and 15.00 million US\$ respectively. Corresponding amount in Rupee terms has been calculated 696.10 crores and 75 crores respectively. This can be seen that after bifurcation almost 10% outlay in Dollar terms was transferred to Uttaranchal. However, share of Uttar Pradesh in rupee terms remained same due to fluctuation in exchange rate.

The main objectives of the project was to increase productivity through diversification and intensification of agriculture, promoting private sector, development and strengthening rural infrastructure. Project has been able to attain largely its physical and financial targets within stipulated timeframe. The achievements of project are as under:

1. Cropping intensity has increased from 169 to 203 (20%).
2. Productivity of wheat, paddy and potato increased by 10%, 27% and 59%, respectively.
3. Productivity of most of the vegetable crops has increased by 15 to 50%.
4. Milk Productivity has increased by 37% in crossbred cows, 21% in local cows and 41% in buffalo.
5. 24 % of sample farmers (748) have diversified their 3.4% area (290 Ha.) from food grains to vegetables and other cash crops.
6. Area under non-food grains has increased by 21%.
7. Area under Horticulture has increased by 18%.
8. Area under use of organic manure has increased from 6% of Gross Cropped Area (GCA) to 30% of GCA, with subsequent decline in consumption of fertilizer.
9. Animal per household has increased from 1.7 to 3.0.
10. Proportion of crossbred animals has increased 17-30 percent.
11. By creating Para-workers and Paravet services in rural areas, employment opportunity has improved. It has two- way benefits (a) Farmers' household are getting most of the services at doorsteps, and other side (b) paravets are earning up to Rs. 3000-6000 per month.
12. Conception of animals through Artificial insemination (A.I.) has increased from 15 percent to 35 percent.
13. 48 % of farmers have discharged their debt after introducing the group facilities.
14. Similarly, 38 % declined in formal sources of credit due to emergence of group facilities whereas 50% declined was observed in informal sources.
15. Average annual household income has increased from Rs. 26613/- to Rs.44256/- (deflated).
16. 2628 Km of rural roads has been constructed till 31st March 2004.
17. Construction of 103 Haat Painths and 2 cattle market have been constructed upto 31st March 2004.
18. The total Self Help Group (SHGs) formed under the Project are 22484 including 7647 Women's SHGs. The total saving by these groups is in excess of 21.28 crores with interloaning in excess of 37.06 crores. Interloaning ratio stands at Healthy 1.74. 9046 SHGs have been granted Cash Credit Limit (C.C.L.) amounting to more than 24.22 crores.