

0629. Terms of Reference for the DLDP Evaluation (Oct 1993)

ADATS and ICCO attempt to resolve the fundamental differences in perception through an external advice from an acceptable outsider.

1. INTRODUCTION

A first Dry Land Development Programme was carried out in Bagepalli Taluk from 1987 to 1989, followed by a second phase from 1992 onwards. Also a proposal was prepared for a 3 years DLDP in the Extension Areas, mainly consisting of the following activities:

1. Soil and water conservation and land improvement measures (bundling, check dams, removing of boulders, reclamation of wastelands, etc.);
2. Improved cultivation through growing other crops, use of other cultivation practices and if possible more inputs like fertiliser and crop protection.

Before this DLDP in the Extension Areas can be approved ICCO would like to have an external advice on the following – more technical issues.

2. QUESTIONS REGARDING DLDP 1 AND 2 IN BAGEPALLI TALUK

1. Are the measures taken upto now in Bagepalli Taluk effective from:
 - a) An ecological point of view, i.e. improving the protection against erosion, water conservation, soil fertility and the biomass in the area;
 - b) An economical point of view, i.e. improving the agricultural base of the land owners concerned, the yields from the lands, and the income?
2. What are the influences of these measures on the surrounding land holdings and the holdings more downstream, if possible differentiated in member coolie lands, non-member coolie lands and non-coolie lands?
3. Is sufficient attention paid to the moisture potential and use in the catchment areas as a whole?
4. Are the measures efficient in the local situation?
5. What are the expectations regarding the environmental effects in the next 5-10 years?
6. Would a watershed approach in these areas have been more effective and efficient?

3. QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED DLDP IN THE EXTENSION AREAS

1. What is the effectiveness of the proposed slope correction, soil and water conservation and land improvement measures carried out only on coolie lands from an ecological and economical point of view?
2. What are the possibilities to reclaim wastelands, in view of possible other functions these lands perform at present?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a watershed approach vis-à-vis the proposed DLDP in these areas?
4. Recommendations for possible additional measures or the implementation strategy?