

Central Sector Scheme of Soil Conservation Training Centre, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), Hazaribag (Non - Plan) (As on March 2009)

1. Background:

The Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) was established on July 7, 1948 through an Act of Parliament with the Government of West Bengal, the Government of Bihar and the Government of India as the participating Governments on the pattern of Tennessee Valley Authority (USA). It was necessitated due to the turbulent river "Damodar" once known as the sorrow of Bengal which had caused immense harm to the natural resources and society of the area.

To cater the training need of Watershed Development Programme, a multidisciplinary Soil Conservation Department was established in 1949 to develop the technologies which could be disseminated and tried at the national level. After creation of Department of Agriculture Research & Education (DARE), ICAR, the Soil Conservation Training Centre, DVC, Hazaribagh was transferred to Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. In the year 1967, all Soil Conservation Research and Training Centers were transferred to DARE, Indian Council of Agricultural Research except Hazaribagh. Since then, Soil Conservation Training Centre, Hazaribagh is continuing in DAC, Government of India.

2. Objectives :

The main objectives of the programme are :-

- a) To create awareness about the importance of soil & water conservation works in sustainable development of agricultural production in national perspective.
- b) To impart training for adoption of multidisciplinary approach for handling the complex problems of soil erosion and land degradation for improving soil health and increasing productive potential of land and water.
- c) To involve trainees in the integrated watershed project planning for sustainability of resources and society.
- d) To transfer the technology through training, demonstration and publications to state extension and development agencies.
- e) To train officers and staff in the specialized field of Hydrologic & Sediment Monitoring and also in the area of newly emerging technologies in the field of integrated watershed management.
- f) To train the progressive farmers, NGOs and leaders of the villages for effective watershed management/development.

3. Financing Pattern

Soil Conservation Training Centre, DVC, Hazaribagh is the only training centre which is being financed from Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation as Central Sector (Non – Plan). The fund is provided to DVC as 100% Central grant to DVC.

4. Training Courses:

Following are the courses being organized regularly by DVC:

- a. Two courses of 5 ½ months duration were designed for officers and staff engaged in the field of Soil & Water Conservation. In the year 1994, the same courses were condensed to three months.
- b. Two new courses were started on Hydrologic & Sediment Monitoring in the year 1977-78 which is a unique training and DVC is the only centre conducting such training in the country.
- c. From the year, 2003-04, many new courses in area of Remote Sensing and GIS application for Watershed Development were introduced in consultation with Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.
- d. Short-term training and field visit for progressive farmers, NGOs and leaders of the villages for effective watershed management/development.

5. Operational Areas:

Soil Conservation Training Centre, DVC, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand was established to cater the need of soil & water conservation training of officials working in the area of Soil Water Conservation & Watershed Development of entire country. Special emphasis is given to meet the demand of training of the States of North - Eastern Region.

6. Allocation of Fund:

The programme is being financed through Non – Plan Scheme and **during 2007-08, and 2008-09, an amount of Rs.40.00 lakh was allocated for undertaking various activities and the same has been utilized.**

5. Achievements:

The major mandate of Soil Conservation Training Centre Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), Hazaribagh is to organize training courses in the different areas of Soil & Water Conservation. At present, the training centre at Hazaribagh is conducting seven courses related to integrated watershed management. Many short durations of training have been organized for the farmers & NGOs.

Apart from organizing training for State Officers, since inception upto end of X Plan, 1685 number of farmers including Sarpanch/Gram Pradhan of village level institutions have been trained in the field of integrated watershed management.

The Soil Conservation Training Centre, DVC, Hazaribagh, since inception upto 2008-09, has organized various training courses and has trained about 3386 officials working in different States for Soil & Water Conservation Programmes which includes 2968 no. of officials trained upto X Plan as per State – wise details annexed.

State-wise number of persons trained in Soil & Water Conservation and Hydrologic & Sediment Monitoring Training Courses, since inception upto X Plan

S.No.	Name of the States	Number of officials trained	
		Soil & Water Conservation	Hydrologic & Sediment Monitoring
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30	84
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	23	5
3.	Assam	40	44
4.	Bihar	304	129
5.	Chhattisgarh	0	7
6.	Goa	1	0
7.	Gujarat	14	85
8.	Haryana	27	22
9.	Himachal Pradesh	28	26
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	102	19
11.	Jharkhand	0	12
12.	Karnataka	22	105
13.	Kerala	6	8
14.	Madhya Pradesh	503	86
15.	Maharashtra	40	127
16.	Manipur	0	2
17.	Mizoram	20	12
18.	Meghalaya	0	33
19.	Nagaland	15	18
20.	Orissa	75	50
21.	Punjab	116	42
22.	Rajasthan	49	43
23.	Sikkim	10	16
24.	Tamil Nadu	3	48
25.	Tripura	38	5
26.	Uttar Pradesh	120	86
27.	Uttaranchal	0	5
28.	West Bengal	66	68
29.	Delhi	1	18
30.	Pondicherry	1	0
31.	A & N Islands	3	3
32.	Chandigarh	2	0
33.	D & N Haveli	2	2
34.	Daman & Diu	0	0
35.	Lakshadweep	0	0
	Sub - Total	1661	1210
	Others	43	54
	Grand Total	1704	1264