



VISION

To make rainfed agriculture an economically viable enterprise for improving livelihood and welfare of farming community, by adopting appropriate strategies compatible with agro-ecology, agro- biodiversity and sustainability.



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To promote prosperity of farmers and ensure inclusive growth in rainfed areas of the country on a sustainable basis.

MANDATE / OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To prepare a perspective plan, outlining the national strategy and road map for holistic and sustainable development of rainfed farming areas.
- ❖ To evolve comprehensive guidelines for all initiatives (schemes etc) of different Ministries including externally aided project (EAPs) for promotion of rainfed / dry land farming systems.
- ❖ To coordinate and bring convergence within and amongst agricultural and wasteland development programmes taken up for rainfed areas by various stakeholders.
- ❖ To identify rainfed areas in different states and prioritise them based on severity, and prepare developmental strategies, including watershed development plans in consultation with states, focusing on multi-dimensional activities – field crops, horticulture, dairy & animal husbandry, fishery, silvi-pasture and agro-forestry and secondary agriculture, with a view to nurturing natural resources and promoting welfare of people on a sustainable basis.
- ❖ To identify gaps in input supply (including organic status), credit availability, access to appropriate technology, and awareness & knowledge level of farmers in rainfed areas.

- ❖ To guide the implementing agencies on priority setting, and monitor the specific interventions required.
- ❖ To suggest modalities needed to strengthen national and state level institutions/organisations concerned with rainfed/dryland areas; promote inter-institutional/organizational linkages; and establish their responsibility vis-a-vis. prioritised watersheds.
- ❖ To develop plans/ programmes for capacity building of both governmental and non-governmental functionaries at all levels (national, state, district and field).
- ❖ To set the research agenda including a critical appraisal of on-going programmes and promote diffusion of required knowledge for integrated farming in rainfed areas down to district and field level authorities.
- ❖ To monitor trends in disbursement of rural credit/insurance cover/ safety net programmes developed for rainfed areas.
- ❖ To evaluate the effectiveness of completed projects, programmes, watersheds etc. and undertake concurrent evaluation of on-going programmes.

Organization chart

