

REPORT  
of the Working Group for  
formulation of  
The Fourth Five Year Plan Proposals  
on  
**SOIL CONSERVATION**

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## PREFACE

Preparatory work for the formulation of proposals for agricultural development under the Fourth Five Year Plan was taken up in the Ministry of Food & Agriculture in June, 1963 at the instance of the Planning Commission. Following the lines adopted in connection with the preparation of Third Five Year Plan, a Working Group on SOIL CONSERVATION was set up in the Department of Agriculture with the following terms of reference.

1. To make a critical review of the progress of the programmes and schemes in the Third Five Year Plan period;
2. To assess, in the light of current trends and other available data, the position likely to be reached at the end of the Third Plan period; and
3. To formulate proposals for the Fourth Five Year Plan in the perspective, wherever possible, of development over a 10-year period.

On the basis of the material that is available in the Department of Agriculture and the results of studies, if any, already made, the Working Group has attempted to make an assessment of the requirements, the potentialities for development and the organisational and technical considerations involved therein and has given broad indication of the physical programmes proposed and the financial outlays needed. The Report was transmitted to the Planning Commission on 9th July, 1964.

The proposals and recommendations made in this Report have been taken into account in the consolidated Memorandum 'Approach to Agricultural Development in the Fourth Five Year Plan' submitted by the Ministry of Food & Agriculture to the Planning Commission.

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