

14. DESERT CONTROL

a. It is an on-going state plan scheme.

b. **Financing pattern:** The proposed outlay of the scheme during 2016-17 has been kept at Rs. 90.00 lacs.

c. **Aims and objectives:** To control the advancement of deserts through afforestation by creation of wind breaks, shelter belts etc.

d. **Targets achieved so far:**

Year	Activity	Physical Achievement		Financial Achievement (Rs. In lacs)
		Ha	RKM	
2010-11	Plantation & Maintenance	135	0	62.00
2011-12	Plantation & Maintenance	187	0	100.00
2012-13	Plantation & Maintenance	165	0	100.00
2013-14	Plantation & Maintenance	40	0	49.91
2014-15	Plantation & Maintenance	94	0	37.02
2015-16	Plantation & Maintenance	124		75.00

e. **Physical and Financial targets for the year 2016-17:**

Year	Activity	Physical Achievement		Financial Target (Rs. In lacs)
		Ha	RKM	
2016-17	Plantation and Maintenance	86	0	90.00
	Total			90.00

f. **Quantum of funds likely to be borne by Government of India or by any other external agency:** The scheme will be entirely funded from the State plan funds.

g. Benefits of the scheme: The desert conditions prevail in the districts of Bhiwani, Rewari, Mohindergarh, etc. The rainfall is scanty as the area is marked by the extremes of climate. It is generally dry during the greater part of the year. The area affected by wind erosion constitutes nearly 20% of the total area of the State. The treatment consists in raising shelterbelts and wind breaks along Rail, Road, Canal and Bunds. The species that will be planted include *Azadirachta indica*, *Acacia nilotica*, *Pongamia pinnata*, *Zizyphus*, *Dalbergia* etc.