

4. Rehabilitation of Aravalli Hills

a. The state plan scheme namely “Revitalization of Institutions in Aravalli Hills” has been renamed as “Rehabilitation of Aravalli Hills”.

b. **Financing pattern:** It is a state plan scheme with a proposed outlay of Rs. 1200.00 lacs to be wholly funded by the State Govt.

c. **Aims and objectives:**

- (i) To maintain and protect the green cover created under “Aravalli Afforestation Project” with the help of Village Forest Committees and other stakeholders.
- (ii) To afforest the barren hills by enrichment plantation with trench-cum –pit method.
- (iii) To close the barren hills by construction of stone wall fencing so that natural root stock available in the area gets regenerated.
- (iv) To conserve soil and water by construction of water harvesting structures/stone wire / create wire structures in the foothills of Aravalli.
- (v) To construct protection trenches in foot hills of Aravalli to obstruct possible illegal mining activities and also to engage protection watches in these areas.
- (vi) To rehabilitate / construct ponds in the villages of the Aravalli regions for ground water recharge.

d. **Targets achieved so far:**

Year	Activity	Physical Target		Financial Achievement (Rs. In lacs)
		Ha	RKM	
2010-11	Maintenance	-	-	22.10
	PRA/Microplan/Protection watcher/SHGs	-	-	14.75
	Construction of water harvesting dams and ponds in Aravalli Hills	-	-	73.15
	Total			110.00
2011-12	Plantation & Maintenance	299	-	300.00
	Construction of water harvesting dams and ponds in Aravalli Hills	-	-	
2012-13	Plantation & Maintenance	325	-	190.00
	Construction of protection trenches/ponds/other structures in Aravalli Hills	-	-	392.50
	Total	325	-	582.50
2013-14	Plantation & Maintenance	490	-	294.51
	Construction of protection trenches/ponds/other structures in Aravalli Hills			205.50

2014-15	Plantation & Maintenance	550	-	344.44
	Construction of protection trenches/ponds/other structures in Aravalli Hills			
2015-16	Plantation & Maintenance	670	-	1000.00
	Construction of protection trenches/ponds/other structures in Aravalli Hills			

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

Year	Activity	Physical Target		Financial Targets (Rs. In lacs)
		Ha	RKM	
2016-17	Plantation & Maintenance	1000	-	1200.00
	Soil Conservation Work / Construction of trenches for protection / protection vouchers			
	Total			1200.00

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 State plan funds.

g. Benefits of the scheme: EU sponsored Project for rehabilitation of Aravalli Hills was executed by the department during 1991-2000. Village Institutions were created and plantations were done in almost 350 villages in six districts wherein the Aravallis are located. After closure of the project, these institutions have become defunct and in several villages, the plantation areas have become degraded. This scheme is being implemented to maintain green cover in the Aravalli Hills which are one of the oldest mountain systems in the world.

Some enrichment planting will be done in areas where degradation has taken place. Areas will be closed so that natural root stock gets regenerated. Protection trenches / stone wire / create wire structures will be constructed and village ponds will be rehabilitated.