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Highlights the achievements obtained in a watershed development project executed at Joladarasi

(Bellary district) in a semi-arid region of Karnataka. Soil and water conservation works and rain water harvesting were carried out in an area of 569.5 ha. After the implementation of the programme for five years during 1983-1988, the project was evaluated in terms of conservation and development of resources and increase in productivity. The watershed management programme not only increased the crop yield but also developed fodder resources in the area. Per capita income was increased from Rs. 675 to 1342 and the project benefit:cost ratio was found to be 1.45 which indicates the economic feasibility of watershed management.