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The paper highlights achievements made under various developmental schemes executed by different agencies for restoration and protection of degraded lands in Faridabad, Gurgaon, Rewari, Mohindergarh and Bhiwani districts of Haryana State, all lying under Aravali hill region. Various soil and water conservation measures such as construction of rainfall recharging structures, percolation embankments, gully plugs, stock ponds, field bunds and interception bunds were undertaken. In this tract, 80 major and 132 micro watershed covering an area of 127,078 hectares were completed till 1990. The authors have concluded that the works carried out in the Aravalis under various schemes for the development of arable and non-arable lands achieved good results by way of increasing and stabilizing crop production under both rainfed as well as irrigated conditions. By increasing the vegetative cover over the treated area, it was possible to allow the villagers to cut and carry the much needed fodder from the area besides providing employment to the poor and landless including women and thereby improving their economic conditions. The increased

vegetative cover reduced soil erosion and improved the qualities of land resource