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Results of the economic analysis of soil and water conservation programmes carried out by the Research Institute as well as developmental departments are presented. Multiple benefits of the different programmes and treatment packages in terms of economic protection and employment generation drawing upon the results from operational research projects in hill region, Shiwalik, ravine region, semi-arid and black soils region, red soils region as well as specific results provided by D.V.C., Soil Conservation Division of the Ministry, etc. have been discussed. It is concluded that if the benefit streams are properly identified and appropriate parameters are adopted to quantify them, it is possible to provide aggregate effectiveness and benefit-cost ratio *vis-a-vis* sub-componentwise results for proper decisions on investment.