

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 19.11.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SMALL SCALE TRENCHES .**

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SHRI MOINUL HASSAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :-

- (a) the steps that have been taken to construct small scale trenches to conserve water therein;
- (b) whether Government is considering to formulate small- medium drinking water projects in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

- (a) Ministry of Water Resources has no scheme to support construction of small scale trenches to conserve water therein.
- (b) to (d) Water being a State subject, the State Governments are responsible to provide drinking water to the rural areas. However, the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Drinking Water Supply) provides technical and financial assistance to the States through centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to supplement the efforts of the States. Under NRDWP, the States are competent to plan, sanction and implement rural water supply schemes.