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RAJYA SABHA
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CONSTRUCTION OF FARM PONDS IN KARNATAKA UNDER MGNREGA

115. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that construction of 1.11 lakh farm ponds was targeted in Karnataka under MGNREGA during 2016-17;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that as on the 14th March, 2017, only 13,669 farm ponds have been completed;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) what is the target set for 2017-18 and how Ministry is planning to complete backlog of 2016-17 alongwith the details of proposed projects to be completed in 2017-18?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is demand driven programme having bottom up approach. Planning and priority are set at the Gram Sabha level. There are no targets. Based on the projected labour budget and regional priorities, States identify works related to strengthening of the Natural resource base/ infrastructure facilities etc. for closer monitoring. Karnataka State had planned for 1,11,340 number of farm ponds during FY 2016-17.

(b): In FY 2016-17, a total 19,890 form ponds were completed in Karnataka while 37589 works started in FY 2016-17 spilled over to FY 2017-18.

(c): The progress of these works depends on the actual prioritization of these works during execution by the gram panchayats, who are the principal implementation of the Scheme.

(d): Karnataka State has planned to construct 70,000 farm ponds during current FY 2017-18. 4249 farm pond have already been completed so far and 51654 are ongoing (which includes the spill over works).
