

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA  
REJUVENATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 411**

ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023

**CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS AND PONDS IN MIZORAM**

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to help the State Government of Mizoram to construct dams and ponds for rain water harvesting scheme in rural areas of Mizoram; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) & (b)** Government of India provides technical support, and partial financial assistance under its ongoing schemes, for development of water resources in the States, including construction of dams and ponds and rain water harvesting schemes in rural areas. However, it is for the State Government concerned to plan, implement and maintain water resources projects within its jurisdiction.

Some of the initiatives being taken by Government in India in this regard, are given below.

- a. Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana – Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme, partial financial assistance is being given by this Ministry for completion of advanced stage projects, with some exceptions as per the laid down criteria. However, presently, no proposal has been received from Government of Mizoram in this regard.
- b. Under Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Har Khet Ko Pani, partial financial assistance is being provided to the State Governments for construction of irrigation schemes, which may also include small dams, to develop irrigation potential less than 2,000 hectare. Presently, 3 clusters consisting of total 45 SMI projects from Mizoram are being provided partial financial assistance by this Ministry under this scheme. Rs.23.67 crore has been provided to Government of Mizoram in last three years, for the above projects.
- c. Under Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Har Khet Ko Pani, partial financial assistance is being provided to the State Governments for repair/ renovation/ restoration of identified water bodies

and tanks. However, presently, no proposal has been received from Government of Mizoram in this regard.

- d. Government of India is also providing partial financial assistance, inter-alia, for construction of check-dams and other water harvesting structures under Watershed Development (WD) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) being implemented by Department of Land Resources (DoLR). Under PMKSY 1.0 implemented during 2015-2021, central assistance for 49 watershed development projects have been sanctioned in Mizoram, for which Rs.282.16 crore has been disbursed to Government of Mizoram as central share. Further during implementation of PMKSY 2.0 approved for implementation during 2021-2026, 18 watershed projects have been sanctioned for Mizoram. Till December, 2022, an amount of Rs.28.44 crore has been released as central share for the same.

Apart from the above, focused interventions under Jal Shakti Abhiyan annual campaigns taken up by the Government of India and the State Governments, inter-alia, include renovation of traditional and other water bodies/ tanks, enumeration, geo-tagging and making inventory of all water bodies, and removal of encroachments of tanks/ lakes, and de-silting of tanks. Further, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS) also has provisions for public works relating to natural resource management, water conservation and water harvesting structures to augment and improve ground water like underground dykes, earthen dams, stop dams, check dams and roof top rain water harvesting structures in public buildings.

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