

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1165**

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**TRADITIONAL METHODS OF WATER CONSERVATION**

1165#. SHRI RAKESH SINHA

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the traditional methods of water conservation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of efforts being taken to bring them back in use; and
- (c) the manner in which communities/individuals are being encouraged to revive those traditional style?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) to (c)** Water being a State subject, planning, funding and execution of water conservation projects primarily lies with State Governments and supported by Central Government through technical and financial support. Traditional methods of water conservation in the country varies from area to area depending upon the topography, climatic conditions, soil structure, etc. Government of India encourages the best practices on traditional methods of conservation of water and disseminates it with a view to bring awareness and replication in other areas. Renovation of traditional water bodies has been taken up as an important activity under Jal Shakti Abhiyan since 2019. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to sensitize the communities/ individuals to encourage revival of the traditional systems of water conservation. Communities, individuals and stakeholders concerned are encouraged time and again to revive traditional water bodies through Non-Government Organisations, civil societies, holding meetings/conferences, constitution of awards, organizing water talks, webinars, competitions etc. Besides, in order to encourage importance of traditional water conservation methods, Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched 'Jal Itihas' portal with 75 water heritage structures.

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