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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 618
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/07/2024

MONITORING OF IRREGULARITIES IN AMRIT SAROVAR SCHEME

618 SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the target of constructing one AmritSarovar in every village to retain water in the ponds has been achieved;
- (b) whether any system of self-monitoring has been put in place to investigate the irregularities in the construction of AmritSarovar;
- (c) whether Government is aware that irregularities have happened in the work of AmritSarovar at many places including Khutar, a development block of Shahjahanpur; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)

- (a): Mission AmritSarovar was launched on 24th April 2022, with an objective to conserve water for the future. The Mission aimed at developing/rejuvenating 75 AmritSarovar (Pond) in each district of the Country. The target of 50,000 AmritSarovar was achieved on 10th May 2023. The Mission ended on 15th August 2023. As on 22nd July 2024, the total number of completed AmritSarovar works is 68,862.
- (b): For the monitoring of the progress of AmritSarovar following arrangements are in place at the Panchayat level:
 - i. Two dedicated Prabharis for each AmritSarovar will be positioned i.e. PanchayatPratinidhi and Panchayat level officer.
 - ii. Gram Panchayat will nominate PanchayatPratinidhi, who will act as citizen supervisor, and will be responsible for faithful and fair execution of the AmritSarovar in the Panchayat while protecting the community interest.
 - iii. Panchayat level officer will monitor the progress and ensure faithful implementation of the mission in the panchayat while reporting the progress in the form of document, with appropriate photos and videos.

(c)&(d): As per the information shared by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh in Shahjahanpur district, a total of 291 AmritSarovars have been selected under the AmritSarovar Scheme, out of which 254 have been completed.

In the development block Khutar of the Shahjahanpur district, a total of 22 AmritSarovars have been selected. Among these, the construction of 9 AmritSarovars have been completed. So far, no irregularities have been found in the work of AmritSarovars in District Shahjahanpur including block Khutar.
