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SECOND PHASE OF MISSION AMRIT SAROVAR

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Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched the second phase of Mission Amrit Sarovar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the major achievements of the first phase of Mission Amrit Sarovar; and
- (d) the impact and evaluation of the first phase along with the outcomes thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b): Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched in April 2022 with the ambitious goal of constructing or rejuvenating 75 Amrit Sarovars in every rural district (except Delhi, Chandigarh, and Lakshadweep), with a total of 50,000 sarovars across the country by 15th August 2023 in a concerted effort to conserve water for future generations. This initiative has made significant progress in addressing the critical issue of water scarcity and has contributed to enhancing surface and groundwater availability across various regions. These Sarovars have not only addressed immediate water needs but also established sustainable water sources, symbolizing the Government's commitment to long-term environmental sustainability and community well-being.

Phase II of Mission Amrit Sarovar has been envisaged to continue with a renewed focus on ensuring water availability, with community participation (Jan Bhagidaari) at its core, and aims to strengthen climate resilience, foster ecological balance, and deliver lasting benefits for future generations. To support the implementation of Phase II, revised guidelines have been shared with all participating Ministries, Departments, States and Union Territories.

(c): Under the Phase I of Mission Amrit Sarovar, as of October, 2024, the construction/rejuvenation of over 68,000 Amrit Sarovar has been completed across the nation.

(d): Two impact assessment studies of Mission Amrit Sarovar have been conducted:

1. In the impact assessment of phase I of Mission Amrit Sarovar conducted by IIT-Delhi, it has been reported that there has been 16.3% increase in water body surface area and 42% decrease in dry water bodies across the country, highlighting the mission's role in water conservation and climate change mitigation.
2. Further, GIZ India study has reported significant improvements in groundwater levels, agriculture, biodiversity, and livelihoods due to Mission Amrit Sarovar.
