

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2480

ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025

AMRIT SAROVAR MISSION FOR WATER CONSERVATION

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

- (a) whether the Amrit Sarovar Mission has significantly contributed to water conservation and rejuvenation of water bodies across rural areas, aligning with the vision of 'Jal Samridhi', with details on the number of sarovars constructed/rejuvenated and their water storage capacities, State-wise; and
- (b) whether the mission has a positive impact on groundwater recharge, local ecology and community participation in water management and maintenance of these water bodies, especially in drought-prone regions, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on April 24, 2022, to construct/ rejuvenate 75 Sarovars in each rural district, targeting 50,000 Sarovars by August 15, 2023. As of October 2024, under phase I of Mission Amrit Sarovar, over 68,000 Sarovars are constructed/rejuvenated, surpassing the original target. State/UT-wise Amrit Sarovar constructed/rejuvenated is attached at **Annexure**.

This initiative contributed significantly to addressing the critical problem of water scarcity and increasing surface and groundwater availability in various regions. These reservoirs not only met immediate water requirements but also created sustainable water sources, indicating the Government's commitment to long-term environmental sustainability and community well-being.

With Jan Bhagidaari as the core of the Mission involving peoples' participation at all stages, it is meant to evoke the collective spirit of the community. All associated occasions, including foundation laying, plantation and flag-hoisting on Independence Day/Republic Day, are led by a freedom fighter or her/his family member or by the family of a martyr or a local Padma Awardee. In case there is no such citizen available, the eldest citizen of the specific/local Gram Panchayat is invited. About, 2,203 freedom fighters, 22,993 eldest members of the Panchayat, 385 family members of freedom fighters, 742 family members of martyrs and 69 Padma Awardees have participated in the Mission so far.

Also, Plantation of trees such as Neem, Bargadh, Peepal and any other native trees at the Amrit Sarovar site is mandatory. About 23 lakh trees were planted throughout the Mission at Amrit Sarovar sites.

Following 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 is reported that there is 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 reported significant improvements in groundwater levels, agriculture, biodiversity, and livelihoods due to Mission Amrit Sarovar.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2480 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2025 REGARDING “AMRIT SAROVAR MISSION FOR WATER CONSERVATION”.

Sr. No.	State/UT	Total Number of Amrit Sarovar constructed/rejuvenated
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	227
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	2154
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	778
4	ASSAM	2963
5	BIHAR	2613
6	CHHATTISGARH	2902
7	GOA	159
8	GUJARAT	2652
9	HARYANA	2087
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1690
11	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1056
12	JHARKHAND	2047
13	KARNATAKA	4054
14	KERALA	865
15	LADAKH	100
16	MADHYA PRADESH	5825
17	MAHARASHTRA	3055
18	MANIPUR	1226
19	MEGHALAYA	705
20	MIZORAM	1029
21	NAGALAND	255
22	ODISHA	2366
23	PUDUCHERRY	156
24	PUNJAB	1453
25	RAJASTHAN	3139
26	SIKKIM	199
27	TAMIL NADU	2484
28	TELANGANA	1871
29	THE DADRA NAGAR AND HAVELI, DAMAN AND DIU	57
30	TRIPURA	682
31	UTTARAKHAND	1319
32	UTTAR PRADESH	16632
33	WEST BENGAL	27
TOTAL		68,827
