

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2362
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/12/2025

ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER MISSION AMRIT SAROVAR

2362 Dr. K. Laxman:

Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the achievements under Mission Amrit Sarovar, including the total number of water bodies rejuvenated, restored, or newly created, State-wise;
- (b) the extent to which the mission has contributed to groundwater recharge, improved irrigation potential, and enhanced water availability for rural communities;
- (c) the role of community participation, convergence with MGNREGA and other schemes, and involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions; and
- (d) whether the Ministry has conducted any evaluation to assess the mission's impact on climate resilience and long-term rural water security?

ANSWER

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

(a): State/Union Territory (UT)-wise number of Amrit Sarovars constructed/ rejuvenated as on 15.12.2025 under Mission Amrit Sarovar phase-I is given at **Annexure**.

(b) & (d): Mission Amrit Sarovar has made a significant contribution to groundwater recharge, improvement of irrigation potential and enhancement of water availability in rural areas. The 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 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.

(c): Jan Bhagidaari (People's Participation) is considered key to the entire initiative, aiming to evoke the collective spirit of the community and have participated at all levels of execution of the Mission including foundation stone laying ceremonies, commemorative plantations, and flag hoisting on Republic Day and Independence Day led by distinguished community members such as a freedom fighter, a family member of a post-independence martyr, or a local Padma awardee, or, if unavailable, by the eldest citizen of the local Gram Panchayat. Community members are encouraged to participate by donating construction materials and benches, or through *Shram Daan* (volunteer labour).

Amrit Sarovar sites are to be developed as vibrant Community Hubs to promote unity and a sense of belonging. These sites should serve as focal points for a variety of activities, including national festivals, social initiatives such as Swachhata Rallies and Jal Shapath (water conservation pledges), school events, religious celebrations, morning walks, yoga sessions, school games, and other recreational activities. By hosting these diverse activities, Amrit Sarovars will enhance community engagement and foster a stronger, more connected community.

Mission Amrit Sarovar is implemented through a whole-of-government approach, wherein multiple Ministries/Departments and organisations work in convergence to achieve the objectives of the Mission. Resources for the construction/rejuvenation of Amrit Sarovar (ponds) under Mission Amrit Sarovar is available from Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, XV Finance Commission Grants (both tied and untied), watershed Development component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna (PMKSY-WDC), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna – Har Khet Ko Pani-Repair, Renovation and Restoration (PMKSY-HKKP-RRR) or similar schemes from the State/ Central Govt., either individually or in combination, may be accessed for this purpose. Public contribution (crowdfunding/CSR) for the work is also allowed.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2362 dated 19.12.2025.

State/Union Territory (UT)-wise number of Amrit Sarovars constructed/ rejuvenated as on 15.12.2025 under Mission Amrit Sarovar phase-I		
Sr. No.	State / UT	Amrit Sarovars 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	2367
23	Puducherry	156
24	Punjab	1453
25	Rajasthan	3139
26	Sikkim	199
27	Tamil Nadu	2484
28	Telangana	1871
29	Dadra Nagar And Haveli, Daman And Diu	57
30	Tripura	682
31	Uttarakhand	1319
32	Uttar Pradesh	16632
33	West Bengal	26
	Total	68,827

Source: Mission Amrit Sarovar portal
