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RAJYA SABHA

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RESTORATION OF WATER BODIES IN ODISHA

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Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is supporting restoration of traditional ponds and water bodies in the State of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the funds released during the last three years; and
- (c) the number of water bodies restored till date?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) Yes, Government of India is supporting restoration of traditional ponds and water bodies across the country, including in Odisha, by implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes/programmes. The Scheme/programme wise details are as follows;

1. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojanaa (PMKSY)

In 2015-16, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) was launched with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, improve on farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices etc. Central Assistance is provided to the states for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies under Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) component of PMKSY.

Under PMKSY 2.0 (2021-26), central assistance amounting to Rs. 162.875 crore has been released to the Government of Odisha during the last three financial years (2023-24 to 2025-26) for the restoration of traditional ponds and water bodies resulting restoration of 433 traditional ponds and water bodies in the State.

2. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)

Government of India is also supporting the restoration of water bodies under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0.

Under AMRUT 2.0, central assistance amounting to Rs. 621.46 crore has been released to the Government of Odisha during the last three financial years (2023-24 to 2025-26) for the restoration of water bodies resulting restoration of 27 water bodies in the state.

3. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)

Government of India is implementing the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) across the country, under which renovation of traditional water bodies is among the permissible categories of works.

Under MGNREGS, 19,131 renovation works of traditional water bodies have been completed in the State of Odisha during the last three financial years (2023–24 to 2025–26), with an expenditure of Rs. 1,045.23 crore.

4. Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR)

In 2019, the Ministry of Jal Shakti launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) subsequently, in 2021, the Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR) campaign with the message, "Catch the Rain: Where It Falls, When It Falls." Since then, the campaign has evolved into a nationwide movement to promote water conservation and water security through localized action and convergence among various stakeholders.

The JSA-CTR 2025 was launched with the theme “Jal Sanchay -Jan Bhagidari: Jan Jagrukta Ki Or” emphasizing deeper grass roots engagement, inter sectoral convergence and innovative financing mechanism.

Under the JSA: CTR campaign, 25,253 renovation works of traditional water bodies have been completed in Odisha during the last three years.
