

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1438
ANSWERED ON 09.03.2017

DIGGING OF PONDS FOR RECHARGING GROUND WATER RESOURCES

1438. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expedite digging more ponds in order to recharge the ground water resources in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of ponds excavated during the last three years and proposed to be dug during the current year in the country, State/ UT-wise;

(c) the total budgetary allocation to the States including Madhya Pradesh for the same during the said period and the targets achieved in this regard so far, State/ UT-wise; and

(d) the further steps to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

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(a) to (c) In current financial year, 2016-17, a national target of constructing 5 lakh farm ponds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was kept. Against this, States/ UTs in their annual labour budget and shelf of works for the year 2016-17 have kept a target of 8,82,325 farm ponds, out of which 487054 have been completed as on 6th March, 2017.

State/UT-wise details including the number of ponds excavated during the last three years and the current year in the Country are given at **Annexure-I & II** respectively.

The quantum of financial assistance granted under MGNREGA, is not work/ project-wise.

(d) The Ministry of Rural Development in consultation and agreement with the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has issued 'Mission Water Conservation Guidelines' to be implemented by all the States for scientific planning and execution of water management works with the use of latest technology. The thrust is on Planning and Monitoring Framework for Natural Resource Management (NRM) related works under MGNREGA in convergence with Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) and Command Area and Water Management (CAD&WM) schemes. This will lead to better outcomes of water conservation and water harvesting measures.

ANNEXURE - I

Annexure referred in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1438 dated 09.03.2017 regarding “Digging of Ponds for Recharging Ground Water Resources”

**Number of Ponds Excavated
(During Last Three Years)**

S.No.	State/UT	Completed Works (2015-2016)	Completed Works (2014-2015)	Complete Works (2013-2014)
1	Andhra Pradesh	13368	7901	12491
2	Arunachal Pradesh	4	1	13
3	Assam	368	259	354
4	Bihar	1983	1733	4301
5	Chhattisgarh	2191	2223	2339
6	Goa	2	0	1
7	Gujarat	1534	303	2499
8	Haryana	183	234	306
9	Himachal Pradesh	7777	11220	13269
10	Jammu And Kashmir	777	387	862
11	Jharkhand	7687	7260	9702
12	Karnataka	10300	8019	6384
13	Kerala	2452	2803	1873
14	Madhya Pradesh	15462	48042	46684
15	Maharashtra	5896	4853	4936
16	Manipur	124	82	72
17	Meghalaya	169	97	180
18	Mizoram	100	33	42
19	Nagaland	18	1	22
20	Odisha	9988	5867	11675
21	Punjab	11	16	6
22	Rajasthan	15289	22997	24315
23	Sikkim	9	42	2
24	Tamil Nadu	7321	14853	11390
25	Telangana	94	82	610
26	Tripura	4932	8480	6831
27	Uttar Pradesh	11783	5184	9351
28	Uttarakhand	453	371	502
29	West Bengal	33181	31745	19993
30	Andaman And Nicobar	7	13	31
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
32	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
33	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
34	Puducherry	4	3	0
	Total	153467	185104	191036

ANNEXURE - II

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**Details of Farm Ponds constructed during the current year (2016-17)
(As on 6.3.2017)**

S.No.	States/UTs	Target (2016-17)	Completed
1	Andhra Pradesh	250000	254246
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1108	264
3	Assam	13239	209
4	Bihar	15000	1439
5	Chhattisgarh	55000	7076
6	Goa	0	0
7	Gujarat	27516	2491
8	Haryana	61	232
9	Himachal Pradesh	10361	7328
10	Jammu And Kashmir	1885	406
11	Jharkhand	128132	85772
12	Karnataka	111340	13342
13	Kerala	5000	1714
14	Madhya Pradesh	50000	14003
15	Maharashtra	1000	5050
16	Manipur	2724	226
17	Meghalaya	300	182
18	Mizoram	2131	326
19	Nagaland	603	3
20	Odisha	20340	12571
21	Punjab	1581	5
22	Rajasthan	25000	20968
23	Sikkim	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	17500	2418
25	Telangana	25000	19840
26	Tripura	18700	1206
27	Uttar Pradesh	5705	9105
28	Uttarakhand	3814	677
29	West Bengal	88948	25952
30	Andaman & Nicobar	307	0
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0
32	Daman & Diu	0	0
33	Lakshadweep	0	0
34	Puducherry	5	3
	Total	882325	487054