GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

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RENOVATION OF PONDS

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to renovate dilapidated ponds in various States of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to accrue therefrom?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b) Works related to water resources development & management are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes such as scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies etc.

To revive, restore and rehabilitate the traditional water bodies a scheme for RRR of water bodies has been formulated by MoWR, RD &GR with multiple objectives like Comprehensive improvement and restoration of water bodies thereby increasing tank storage capacity, Ground Water Recharge, Increased availability of drinking water, Improvement in agriculture/ horticulture productivity etc.

The scheme is a part of Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). Under PMKSY, a target for creation of irrigation potential of 1.50 lakh ha. has been envisaged through RRR of water bodies scheme during the period 2015-16 to 2019-20. Out of this, a potential of 0.257 lakh ha. has been reported to be created so far.
