

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3636
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2017

CONSTRUCTION OF PONDS

3636. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the target to construct 5 lakh Ponds during the year 2017-18 has been set to deal with the situation of drought in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether details of implementation of above said scheme have been workedout;
- (d) if so, names of the States wherein said Ponds are likely to be constructed along with the number thereof; and
- (e) the amount allocated for the implementation of the said scheme during the year 2017-2018, State/ UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (d): Ponds serve as critical water resource at times of drought or delay in rains. There is an emphasis on integrated Natural Resource Management (NRM) to ensure scientific planning and execution of NRM works for better outcome of water conservation and water harvesting measures. The planning for works is done by Panchayat which are facilitated to take informed decisions. The Gram Sabha panchayat form plans which on collation are taken up as targets by the States. The ponds are likely to be constructed in identified 2264 water stressed blocks under NRM in the States/UTs as per details at **Annexure**. The state-wise targets of farm ponds for FY 2017-18 have not been firmed up by the State Governments.

(e): Under MGNREGA there is no work wise allocation. The States are required spend at least 60% of their total expenditure on Agriculture Allied Activities (AAA).

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a)to(d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3636 dated 23.03.2017.

MGNREGA: List of Over Exploited/Critical/Irrigation Deprived Blocks Report

S No.	State	Over Exploited		Critical		Irrigation Deprived		Blocks with atleast one criteria	GPs with atleast one criteria
		Block	GP	Block	GP	Block	GP		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	41	720	7	135	63	1016	88	1521
2	ASSAM	0	0	0	0	181	2152	181	2152
3	BIHAR	0	0	0	0	100	1672	100	1672
4	CHHATTISGARH	1	76	2	183	70	4987	72	5153
5	DAMAN & DIU	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
6	GUJARAT	24	1660	5	365	45	2653	74	4678
7	HARYANA	71	3891	15	760	0	0	86	4651
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	34	2	104	0	0	3	138
9	JHARKHAND	5	81	0	0	205	3561	206	3564
10	KARNATAKA	56	1971	21	770	39	1312	109	3779
11	KERALA	1	7	2	12	0	0	3	19
12	MADHYA PRADESH	24	1840	4	312	28	1827	56	3979
13	MAHARASHTRA	10	716	2	132	231	18417	238	18941
14	ODISHA	0	0	0	0	135	2370	135	2370
15	PUNJAB	109	9765	4	428	0	0	113	10193
16	RAJASTHAN	171	5912	24	831	0	0	195	6743
17	TAMIL NADU	179	5816	36	1593	0	0	200	6698
18	TELANGANA	41	893	8	168	147	2895	194	3900
19	UTTAR PRADESH	110	7551	67	4748	13	972	187	12943
20	UTTARAKHAND	0	0	2	90	0	0	2	90
21	WEST BENGAL	0	0	1	9	20	170	21	179
	Total	845	40935	202	10640	1277	44004	2264	93365