GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4632 ANSWERED ON 30.03.2017

RRR OF WATER BODIES

4632. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL

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

(a) the details and the number of water bodies included in the Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies scheme;

(b) the number of water bodies out of them where boundaries, signboards and demarcation pillars have been constructed completely; and

(c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed in the remaining water bodies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c) 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.

In XII Plan, 1354 water bodies have been included under the scheme of RRR of water bodies. Estimated cost of these water bodies is Rs. 1010.80 crore. Central Assistance of Rs. 264.67 crore has been released so far for these water bodies. Works in 464 water bodies have been completed and the works in balance water bodies are planned to be completed by March, 2018.

The scheme of RRR of water bodies envisages 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.

Demarcation of boundaries and fixing of signboards and demarcation pillars comes under the purview of concerned State Government. As per the guidelines, State Government is to take necessary steps for declaring the water body boundary through a Government order and to ensure removal of encroachments in the water body spread area/water body boundary.