

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3075**  
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2017

**WATER CONSERVATION YEAR**

3075. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has celebrated the year 2015 as water conservation year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce special programmes for optimal use of water resources in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) The Government has launched Jal Kranti Abhiyan (2015-18) on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 in order to consolidate water conservation and management in the country through a holistic and integrated approach involving all stakeholders, making it a mass movement.

(b) & (c) During 2015-16, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was launched with the objective to achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at the field level, expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, improve on-farm water use efficiency to reduce wastage of water, enhance the adoption of precision-irrigation and other water saving technologies (More crop per drop) etc. Further, implementation of 99 priority projects under PMKSY-AIBP (including their CADWM works) having 76 lakh Ha of ultimate irrigation potential with balance cost of Rs. 77595 crore has been approved during the period 2016-17 for implementation during the period 2016-17 to 2019-20 (upto December, 2019). The funding arrangement of central assistance and state share for these projects has been made through NABARD.

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