

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1046
ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017

RESTORATION 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 is aware that the ponds which were built for public utilities in most parts of the country have been filled up with sediment and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a list has been prepared in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which it is likely to be prepared;
- (c) whether such filled up ponds in villages and towns is one of the reasons for the declining ground water level;
- (d) if so, whether any initiative has been taken by the Government to restore such ponds and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) As per the 4th Minor Irrigation Census conducted by this Ministry, there are 5,23,816 water bodies in the rural areas being used for minor irrigation. Of these 4,43,688 water bodies were in use and 80,128 were not in use. Reasons given by States for water bodies not being in use are-encroachments, urbanisation, polluted water, non availability of water due to less and erratic rainfall, siltation etc. State-wise details are at **Annexure**.

(c) Sedimentation of ponds is one of the various reasons of decline in ground water level in nearby areas.

(d) & (e) Works related to water resources development & management are primarily 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 Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) and scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies etc.

Till date 12424 water bodies (1085 in pilot scheme, 10855 in XI plan and 484 thereafter) have been revived under this scheme. Central Assistance to the tune of Rs.4280.80 crore (Rs.197.30 crore in pilot scheme, Rs.3818.83 crore in XI plan and Rs.264.67 crore thereafter) has been released to various States under this scheme.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) & (b) of Unstarred Question No. 1046 to be answered on 21.12.2017 in Lok Sabha regarding "Restoration of Ponds".

**State wise list of Water Bodies
(Surface Flow Schemes - Reservoirs, Tanks, Other Storages)
(Surface Lift Schemes - Lift on Tanks/Ponds)**

NUMBER OF WATER BODIES

S. No	State Name	Water bodies (with Not-in use MI schemes)	Water bodies (with In-Use MI schemes)	Total Water bodies (with MI scheme)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	22877	49123	72000
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	16	68	84
3	ASSAM	129	885	1014
4	BIHAR	966	4243	5209
5	CHHATTISGARH	6955	40864	47819
6	GOA	29	711	740
7	GUJARAT	1927	6341	8268
8	HARYANA	0	261	261
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	33	812	845
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	168	4720	4888
11	JHARKHAND	5316	38128	43444
12	KARNATAKA	14918	14563	29481
13	KERALA	167	8218	8385
14	MADHYA PRADESH	1493	54654	56147
15	MAHARASHTRA	517	88214	88731
16	MANIPUR	0	9	9
17	MEGHALAYA	59	98	157
18	MIZORAM	12	479	491
19	NAGALAND	60	106	166
20	ODISHA	5567	34339	39906
21	PUNJAB	0	205	205
22	RAJASTHAN	1573	2399	3972
23	SIKKIM	0	0	0
24	TAMIL NADU	11039	26135	37174
25	TRIPURA	19	515	534
26	UTTAR PRADESH	488	6391	6879
27	UTTARAKHAND	2479	6145	8624
28	WEST BENGAL	3292	53672	56964
29	ANDAMAN & NICOBARS	29	1347	1376
30	CHANDIGARH	0	0	0
31	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	31	31
32	DAMAN & DIU	-	-	-
33	DELHI	0	10	10
34	LAKSHADWEEP	-	-	-
35	PUDUCHERRY	0	2	2
	Total	80128	443688	523816

Note

1. Water bodies cover all natural or artificial units with some or no masonry work used for storing water for minor irrigation. These are usually of various types known by different names like tank, reservoir, pond.
2. In MI Census information is collected for villages/ rural areas only.
3. The above data pertains to only those Water Bodies where some minor irrigation scheme(s) (either in-use or not-in-use) is/are installed or those water bodies which function as surface flow schemes.
4. 4th Minor Irrigation Census not conducted in Lakshadweep and Daman & Diu
5. Andhra Pradesh including Telangana