

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2196
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

BHUNGROO IRRIGATION SYSTEM UNDER NRLM

2196. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Bhungroo is an irrigation system, based on rainwater harvesting and most suitable for arid lands and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether many States in the country have approached the Union Government to develop the Bhungroo model irrigation system under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM); and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) : The Government is aware of Bhungroo system of irrigation which is an innovative water harvesting technique for irrigation introduced by Indian women farmers. It frees excess water from flood prone and waterlogged farmland by drawing all the excess water underground and making land accessible for farming.
- (b) : The Ministry of Rural Development has not received any proposal from the State Governments to develop the Bhungroo model irrigation system under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM).
- (c) : Does not arise.
