

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*187
ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019

CLEANING OF PONDS, LAKES AND CANALS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to prepare any nation-wide action plan under irrigation schemes for cleaning of lakes, ponds and canals in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a number of animals and people die every year after getting stuck in the silt accumulated in the canals and if so, the details and facts thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make any annual programme for cleaning of canals and to implement it under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. †*187 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.07.2019 REGARDING “CLEANING OF PONDS, LAKES AND CANALS” RAISED BY SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE AND SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV.

(a) & (c) Water resources projects 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 encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes.

Central Assistance (CA) for renovation of water bodies is provided under the scheme of Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies, which is a component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). The objectives of Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies scheme are comprehensive improvement and restoration of water bodies thereby increasing tank storage capacity, restoration of lost irrigation potential, etc.

Under the scheme, a total of 2064 water bodies with an estimated cost of Rs.1765 crore have been taken up for restoration in various States since XII Plan onwards, out of which 1160 water bodies have been reported to be completed with potential restoration of 0.88 Lha (provisional) up to March, 2019. Total Central Assistance amounting to Rs.369.11 crore has been released to the States up to March, 2019 for completion of works of these water bodies

Under MGNREGA, micro and minor irrigation works and creation, renovation and maintenance of irrigation canal and drains etc., works related to renovation of traditional water bodies, desilting etc. are permissible.

The expenditure incurred on works taken up for construction, renovation, lining and repair and maintenance of minor, sub-minors, distributary, water course and field channels works, renovation of traditional water bodies and desilting of works taken up under MGNREGA are as under:

(amount in crore)

Year	Construction, renovation, lining and repair of minors etc.	Renovation of Water Bodies	Desilting works
2018-19	2870.63	3043.57	390.92
2017-18	1824.55	5392.17	2452.88
2016-17	1461.34	5929.92	2482.63
2015-16	1165.13	4864.46	2101.79
2014-15	853.49	3898.83	1702.05

(b) States have not reported any incidence in this regard to this Ministry.