

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1279  
ANSWERED ON 09<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**DEVELOPMENT OF AMRIT SAROVARS ALONG NHs**

**1279. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:  
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have developed or proposes to develop a significant number of ponds namely Amrit Sarovars along highways across the country;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, especially in the State of Punjab along with the criteria for selection of locations for the purpose;**

**(c) whether NHAI proposes to develop more such ponds along highways across the country;**

**(d) if so, the details thereof along with the targets set for next three years, State/UT-wise along with likely date of completion of work on these water ponds; and**

**(e) the benefits likely to accrue to the people through the development of these water ponds?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (d) Yes Sir. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has undertaken the work of constructing 548 'Amrit Sarovars' across the country. The criteria for selection of locations includes development**

**and improvement of existing community tanks/ponds/reservoirs/ Low lying/ barren areas by deepening, enhancing capacity by further excavation along the side, construction of bund etc.**

**The details of targeted & completed Amrit Sarovars, State/ UT wise including the state of Punjab is annexed.**

**(e) Amrit Sarovars augment water availability especially in water stressed areas of the country besides also improving rural livelihood and productivity. They will lead to improvement in network of irrigation and of micro-climate of such areas. Moreover, excavated soil is used for highway projects instead of using any fresh area for procurement of borrow material.**

**ANNEXURE****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) to (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1279 ANSWERED ON 09<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023 ASKED BY SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU AND SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU REGARDING “DEVELOPMENT OF AMRIT SAROVARS ALONG NHs”****Detail of construction of Amrit Sarovar by National Highways Authority of India**

Sr. No.	Regional Officers	Identified Sarovars	Completed
1	RO-Bangalore	89	16
2	RO-Bhopal	43	43
3	RO-Bhubaneswar	3	2
4	RO-Chandigarh	3	3
5	RO-Dehradun	3	3
6	RO-Delhi	10	10
7	RO-Gandhinagar	49	7
8	RO-Guwahati	1	0
9	RO-Hyderabad	2	2
10	RO-Jabalpur	6	2
11	RO-Jaipur	10	5
12	RO-Jammu	0	0
13	RO-Kolkata	12	12
14	RO-Mumbai	147	92
15	RO-Nagpur	95	60
16	RO-Patna	2	0
17	RO-Raipur	3	3
18	RO-Ranchi	7	7
19	RO-Shimla	0	0
20	RO-UP East	8	4
21	RO-Vijayawada	21	3
22	RO-Chennai	16	2
23	RO-Thiruvanthapuram	0	0
24	RO-Madurai	9	9
25	RO-UP West	9	9
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>294</b>

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