

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2017

ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

ARTIFICIAL LAKES

2017. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of artificial lakes developed in the country especially in Gujarat since 2019;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to develop new artificial lakes in the country so as to fulfil the requirements of water in various States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Ministry of Jal Shakti conducted the first census of water bodies in convergence with the sixth minor irrigation census (reference year 2017-18), under the centrally sponsored scheme – “Irrigation Census” with the objective of developing a national database for all water bodies. The information on important aspects of the water bodies like type, condition, status of encroachments, use, storage capacity etc. were captured during the census and the report was published in March 2023. Information on number of natural and man-made water bodies including lakes in rural and urban areas in the State of Gujarat as available from the first census of water bodies is given in the **Annexure I**. There is no information available regarding the date of construction.

(b) & (c) Water is a State subject and planning, funding, execution and maintenance of water bodies, including their development, restoration, rejuvenation and conservation, is addressed by the State Government concerned. Central Government supplements the efforts of the States through technical and financial support. Central Assistance to States is being provided for construction as well as conservation and restoration of water bodies in the country through various Government of India programmes like Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0, “Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch The Rain” (JSA:CTR) campaign, Mission Amrit Sarovar etc.

Under Mission Amrit Sarovar 1,09,902 sites have been identified till date, out of which work has commenced at 84,079 sites. Against this, work has been completed at 68,437 sites. In Gujarat, work has been completed at 2,649 sites out of the 2,650 identified sites. Real time data on State-wise and district-wise details of sites identified for construction/rejuvenation of Amrit Sarovars, is available on Mission Amrit Sarovar portal <https://amritsarovar.gov.in/Masterreport>).

ANNEXURE- I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2017 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2023 REGARDING “ARTIFICIAL LAKES”.

Number of natural and man-made water bodies including lakes in rural and urban areas in the State of Gujarat reported in the first Census of Water bodies

State	No. of water bodies including lakes								
	Natural			Man made			Total		
	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total
Gujarat	16,166	800	16,966	36,990	113	37,103	53,156	913	54,069
