

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2766
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2019

RESTORATION OF WATER BODIES

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of water bodies in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any national level guidelines for restoration of water bodies and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for conservation and restoration of all the vanishing water bodies in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (c) A total of 7,98,908 water bodies (size more than 0.01 ha) have been mapped under India- WRIS project using Satellite Imageries. State-wise detail is enclosed as **Annexure**. Further, as per the 5th Minor Irrigation Census conducted by this Ministry, there are 5,16,303 water bodies in the rural areas of the country being used for irrigation.

Works related to water resources development & management 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 State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes.

Central Assistance (CA) for restoration of water bodies is provided by the Ministry under the scheme of Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies, which is a component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). The scheme aims at restoring the lost irrigation potential by improvement and restoration of existing water bodies. Under the scheme, 2219 water bodies 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 upto March, 2019. Total Central Assistance amounting to Rs.369.11 crore has been released to the States upto March, 2019 for these water bodies.

Works under the category "Renovation of Traditional Water Bodies" are also taken up through MGNREGA and works of 93086 water bodies are reported to be completed with an expenditure of Rs.2368.19 crore during 2018-19.

Further, draft guidelines for Conservation and Protection of Water Bodies have been prepared and circulated to the concerned Central Ministries and States/UTs covering various aspects such as legal instruments, conservation and maintenance, prevention of encroachment etc.

Annexure referred to in reply of Parts (a) to (c) of Unstarred Question No. 2766 to be answered on 05.12.2019 in Lok Sabha regarding “Restoration of Water Bodies”.

State-Wise Statistics of Water bodies as per India-WRIS Portal

Sl. No.	State Name	Water bodies (No.)
1	Andhra Pradesh	35472
2	Arunanchal Pradesh	1212
3	Assam	14203
4	Bihar	59599
5	Chhattisgarh	104722
6	Chandigarh	1
7	Daman & Diu	20
8	Delhi	51
9	Dadara & Nagar Havelli	1
10	Goa	419
11	Gujarat	15254
12	Himachal Pradesh	208
13	Haryana	5524
14	Jharkhand	38740
15	Jammu & Kashmir	843
16	Karnataka	53674
17	Kerala	11875
18	Lakshadweep	--
19	Meghalaya	25
20	Manipur	1591
21	Madhya Pradesh	65782
22	Maharashtra	39635
23	Mizoram	494
24	Nagaland	464
25	Odisha	90898
26	Punjab	5768
27	Puducherry	44
28	Rajasthan	43870
29	Sikkim	255
30	Tamil Nadu	73088
31	Telangana	16048
32	Tripura	131
33	Uttarakhand	801
34	Uttar Pradesh	15697
35	West Bengal	102495
36	Andaman & Nicobar Island	4
	Total	798908