

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †828**  
ANSWERED ON 21.11.2019

**DEVELOPMENT OF OLD PONDS**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to repair, renovate and revive old ponds in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme to increase the capacity of irrigation by repairing, renovating and reviving the ponds in Maji Malgujar (MM) in Vidarbha at Maharashtra under any scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) & (b) 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 such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies Scheme etc. under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

The Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies Scheme aims at increasing irrigation potential by improvement and restoration of water bodies along with other multiple objectives such as enhancing the tank storage capacity, ground water recharge, increased availability of drinking water, improvement of catchment of tank commands etc.

(c) & (d) The Government of Maharashtra has not submitted any proposal under Repair, Renovation and Rehabilitation (RRR) of Water Bodies Scheme since XII Plan onwards. However, the Government of Maharashtra has informed that out of total 132 Maji (old) Malgujari Tanks, special repair works are taken up for 102 tanks. Out of these, works of 16 tanks have been completed.

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