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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 05.03.2020

CONSTRUCTION OF CHECK DAMS IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any survey in Nagapattinum district of Tamil Nadu to construct check dams to store water during rainy season for its later use for drinking and agricultural purposes in the summer season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) As per information received from Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board (TWS&DB), Government of Tamil Nadu, they have made survey in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu to construct check dams to store water during rainy season for drinking water & agriculture purposes.

Due to existing terrain conditions, check dams could not be constructed in Nagapattinam district. Further, they have constructed 119 Recharge Shafts, 10 Recharge Pits and 91 recharge trench to augment ground water level.

In addition, as per the information provided by Ministry of Rural Development, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA) is a demand driven wage employment programme with bottom up approach in planning of works. As per the Schedule I of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Para 4 (1), I. Category : A : Public works relating to Natural Resource Management (i) Water Conservation and water harvesting structures to augment and improve ground water like underground dykes, earthen dams, stop dams, check dams with focus on recharging ground water including drinking water sources are permissible activity.

Construction of check dams was taken up under MGNREGA in Nagapattinum district of Tamil Nadu since inception. As per the information uploaded by the State Government of Tamil Nadu in the Management Information System (MIS), the details are given as under:

Works of Check Dams since inception (as on 28th February, 2020)			
Ongoing		Completed	
Number of works	Expenditure in lakhs	Number of works	Expenditure in lakhs
16	85.7	443	1803