

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

Beautification of Ponds

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of the schemes being implemented for the maintenance and beautification of natural ponds in the country; and
- (b) the number of proposals for the maintenance and beautification of ponds from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh that have been approved under the said scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is currently implementing a centrally sponsored scheme namely, National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems (NPCA) for conservation and management of wetlands (includes natural ponds) in the country on cost sharing basis between Central Government and respective State Governments. The scheme covers various activities such as interception, diversion and treatment of wastewater, shoreline protection, lake front development, in-situ cleaning i.e. desilting & dewatering, storm water management, bioremediation, catchment area treatment, Lake Beautification, survey & demarcation, bio-fencing, fisheries development, weed control, biodiversity conservation, education and awareness creation, community participation, etc.

Further, 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 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies Schemes etc. under PradhanMantriKrishiSinchayeeYojana (PMKSY)-HarKhetKoPani (HKKP).

(b) Under the scheme of NPCA, an amount of Rs. 151.53 crore has been released (central share) for conservation and management of 16 wetlands in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Further, 2 clusters of 20 Water Bodies have been included during 2014-15 to 2015-16 from the State of Uttar Pradesh under RRR of water bodies scheme of PMKSY (HKKP) with total estimated cost of ₹49.5 crore and target irrigation potential of 3447 Ha. So far, Central Assistance (CA) of Rs. 16.40 crore has been released to state and 8 schemes have been reported complete with achievement of 2354 Ha. irrigation potential till date.
