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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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DRYING UP OF WATER BODIES

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that water bodies in various States of the country have dried up as per the recent survey conducted under Namami Gange Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any direction to the States for a comprehensive survey of water bodies as per records and also to improve their water level; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the States thereon, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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(a) & (b) National Mission for Clean Ganga, under this Ministry, has assigned the task for 'Census Survey of Water Bodies in Ganga Basin' to Quality Council of India (QCI) in 2020. The purpose of the study is to do mapping of all the water bodies in 31 Ganga districts (3,189 villages) of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal, for improvement/ rejuvenation of water bodies which are either dried up or working at less than full efficiency.

The study would bring out the status of water bodies in the above referred regions of the country.

(c) & (d) Works related to enumeration of water bodies, their protection and improvement of their water level, comes under the purview of State Government concerned. However, formal as well as informal advisory in this regard is being issued by this Ministry to the various State Governments on different occasions. Further, this Ministry also supplements the efforts of the State Governments in this regard, as per details below.

- i. This Ministry undertakes minor irrigation census from time to time, which also captures information pertaining to water bodies in the country. As per the latest census, being 5th minor irrigation census with reference year 2013-14, there are 5,16,303 water bodies in the rural areas of the country which are being used for minor irrigation. Out of these, 53,396 water bodies are not in use for various reasons such as non-availability of water, siltation, salinity, etc.

- ii. Central assistance for restoration of water bodies is provided by this Ministry under the scheme “Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies”, which is a component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Har Khet Ko Pani (PMKSY- HKKP). The scheme aims at restoring the lost irrigation potential by improvement and restoration of existing water bodies.

State-wise details of water bodies included under the RRR of Water Bodies scheme XII Plan onwards, are given below:

S.No.	State	No. of WBs	Estimated Cost (Rs. In crore)	Planned potential (Lakh hectare)	Upto March,2021		
					CA released (Rs. In crore)	Potential restored (Lakh hectare)	No. of water bodies completed
1	Andhra Pradesh	100	66.77	0.06	2.70	0.00	0
2	Bihar	93	161.91	0.26	18.08	0.18	6
3	Gujarat	61	102.91	0.11	8.81	0.00	3
4	Madhya Pradesh	125	183.24	0.33	37.70	0.33	124
5	Manipur	4	65.44	0.01	34.63	0.00	0
6	Meghalaya	9	11.43	0.01	5.18	0.01	8
7	Odisha	863	449.03	0.51	145.18	0.48	810
8	Rajasthan	68	187.82	0.13	62.18	0.10	66
9	Tamil Nadu	251	131.24	0.06	34.25	0.03	153
10	Telangana	575	459.18	0.29	104.56	0.15	371
11	Uttar Pradesh	74	83.41	0.10	16.41	0.02	8
12	Uttarakhand	5	12.49		0.00	0.00	0
	Total	2228	1914.86	1.89	469.69	1.31	1549
