

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 470
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021

PRESERVATION OF STEP WELLS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the preservation of step-wells in the country;
and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI AND TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) This Department do not have any specific scheme for preservation of step-wells in the country. However preservation of Step wells can be taken up as per extant guidelines under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) which permits activities like renovation of traditional water bodies including desilting of irrigation tanks and other water bodies, and conservation of old step wells/baolis etc.
