

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1608
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022

BUILDING OF CHECK DAMS

1608. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY
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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build more check dams in the States where there is abundant rainfall to help sustainable flow and to store the water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of action plan drawn up/implemented in the States with funds sanctioned/spent in this regard since 2014 to till date?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) Water is a state subject and the Central Government supplements the efforts of the states on water conservation including construction of check dams through technical and financial support.

Construction of check dams is one of the water conservation measures which are taken up depending on the topographical, geological, geo-morphological and hydrological parameters of an area. While undertaking water conservation measures, Government encourages construction of check dams as well.

Government has taken up following steps for encouraging building of check dams across the country:

- (i) Construction and maintenance of check dams is one of the permissible activities under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).
- (ii) This activity is also encouraged under various programmes/ schemes of the Government viz. Watershed Development, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies component) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).
- (iii) Under “Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain” campaign, one of the focused interventions is water conservation & rainwater harvesting which includes maintenance of old/ building of new check dams/ponds.
- (iv) The Master Plan for Artificial Recharge to Groundwater- 2020 prepared by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) envisages construction of about 1.42 crore rainwater harvesting and artificial recharge structures including check dams in the country.

The expenditure on completed and ongoing work of check dams under MGNREGS from financial year 2014-15 to current financial year (2021-22) is Rs. 22,647.16 crore. Rs. 11,179.10 crore have been released under WDC-PMKSY from 2014-15 to 2021-22. The State-wise details of central assistance from 2014-15 to 2021-22 under Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies and Check Dam Projects under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana are attached as **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II** respectively.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1608 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.02.2022 REGARDING “BUILDING OF CHECK DAMS”.

State-wise details of Central Assistance (CA) released under Repair Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies (RRR of WBs)								
Sl. No.	State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
		CA(in crore)	CA(in crore)	CA(in crore)	CA(in crore)	CA(in crore)	CA(in crore)	CA (in crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.70	0.00	0.00
2	Bihar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.26	11.82	0.00
3	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.81	0.00	0.00
4	Madhya Pradesh	37.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Manipur	10.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.26	0.00
6	Meghalaya	2.52	0.00	0.00	2.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Odisha	52.90	54.75	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	34.54
8	Rajasthan	0.00	35.93	0.00	14.30	0.00	11.96	0.00
9	Tamil Nadu	0.00	9.22	0.00	0.00	7.03	16.75	1.25
10	Telangana	0.00	44.88	0.00	59.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	16.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	103.49	161.18	0.00	79.65	24.80	64.79	35.79

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Check Dam Projects under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Year	Cost (in crore)
1	Chhattisgarh	2014-15	12.00
2		2015-16	3.60
3		2018-19	15.00
1	Gujarat	2014-15	15.00
2		2017-18	14.35
1	Karnataka	2019-20	40.00
2		2021-22	61.05
3		2020-21	55.00
4		2017-18	61.31
1	Kerala	2014-15	18.96
2		2014-15	0.28
1	Uttar Pradesh	2015-16	0.97
1	West Bengal	2014-15	15.22
2		2020-21	1.50
3		2021-22	2.26
4		2021-22	2.33
5		2021-22	2.34
6		2021-22	6.87
7		2021-22	2.32
8		2021-22	3.72
	Total No. of Projects		334.06
