

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2026**  
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022

**INCENTIVE FOR WATER CONSERVATION**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has evolved any strategy to incentivise water conservation to address the alarmingly critical fall in the water table in the country; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) & (b)** Water being a state subject, the works related to water resources development & management are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments as per their own resources and priorities. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical and financial assistance to them through various schemes and programmes.

Financial assistance for water conservation, rainwater harvesting, water use efficiency, ground water recharge, micro-irrigation infrastructure for facilitating use of sprinkler/ drip/ pivots irrigation systems, repair, renovation & restoration of water bodies etc. is provided to States under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) under different components of the Scheme namely Har Khet Ko Paani (HKKP), Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) Programme, Watershed Development Component (WDC), Per Drop More Crop (PDMC).

Department of Rural Development implements Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), a demand driven wage employment programme in rural areas. Financial assistance is extended under MGNREGS for works relating to Natural Resource Management (NRM) which include public works related to water conservation and rainwater harvesting structures.

The Government is implementing Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL) for sustainable management of groundwater resources with community participation in identified water stressed areas. Ministry of Jal Shakti has also been implementing Jal Shakti Abhiyan since 2019 for boosting water conservation efforts in the country.

Department of Water Resource, RD&GR has instituted National Water Awards to incentivise best practices in water conservation and ground water recharge.

In addition, a number of States have done notable work in the field of water conservation/harvesting such as 'Mukhyamantri Jal Swavlamban Abhiyaan' in Rajasthan, 'Jalyukt Shibir' in Maharashtra, 'Sujalam Sufalam Abhiyan' in Gujarat, 'Mission Kakatiya' in Telengana, 'Neeru Chettu' in Andhra Pradesh, 'Jal Jeevan Hariyali' in Bihar, 'Jal Hi Jeevan' in Haryana and 'Kudimaramath' scheme in Tamil Nadu.

The other steps taken by the Central Government for sustainable groundwater management are available at [http://jalshakti-dowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Steps%20taken%20by%20the%20Central%20Govt%20for%20water\\_depletion\\_july2022.pdf](http://jalshakti-dowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Steps%20taken%20by%20the%20Central%20Govt%20for%20water_depletion_july2022.pdf)

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