

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1241
ANSWERED ON 11/02/2025**

AMRIT SAROVAR SCHEME

1241. SHRI ARUN GOVIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether one lakh AmritSarovars have been built during the last two years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of steps taken to overcome the water crisis due to indiscriminate exploitation of groundwater in the country after the Green Revolution about sixty years ago, State-wise;**
- (c) whether there was a plan to construct at least seventy five AmritSarovar in each district under the said Mission, district-wise;**
- (d) whether the problem of groundwater crisis can be solved in the country if AmritSarovar is built considering the village as the base unit instead of district;**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to construct AmritSarovar at the village level as earlier AmritSarovar was constructed considering the district as the base unit; and**
- (f) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance also to the concerned Gram Panchayat for constructing AmritSarovar?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)**

(a)to (d): Mission AmritSarovar was launched in April 2022 to construct or rejuvenate 75 AmritSarovars (ponds) in each district, totaling 50,000 across the country. This initiative has made significant progress in addressing the critical issue of water scarcity. As on January 2025, over 68,000 Sarovars have been

completed, enhancing surface and groundwater availability across various regions. These Sarovars have not only addressed immediate water needs but also established sustainable water sources, symbolizing Government's commitment to long-term environmental sustainability and community well-being.

(e)& (f): Phase II of Mission AmritSarovar is envisaged to continue with a renewed focus on ensuring water availability, with community participation (Jan Bhagidaari) at its core, and aims to strengthen climate resilience, foster ecological balance, and deliver lasting benefits for future generations.

Mission AmritSarovar works are being taken up by the States and Districts with convergence from various ongoing schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), 15th Finance Commission Grants, Pradhan MantriKrishiSichayiYojna sub-schemes such as the Watershed Development Component, HarKhetkoPani, besides States' own schemes. Public contributions like crowdfunding and Corporate Social Responsibility are also allowed for the work.
