

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025**

MISSION AMRIT SAROVER FOR RAILWAYS

5173. SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has decided to dig ponds under the Government's Mission Amrit Sarovar;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is true that the Government shall undertake desilting, excavating identified waterbodies or constructing new ones at suitable sites in the vicinity of railway lines, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to work closely with the districts administration in this regard, if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government plan to complete rejuvenation or construction of a substantial number of ponds by August 15, 2025; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (f): Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched in April 2022 with the ambitious goal of constructing / rejuvenating 75 Amrit Sarovars (ponds) in each district of the country. The guidelines for

implementation of this mission was jointly issued by various Ministries of the Government including Railways.

Mission Amrit Sarovar works have been taken up by the States and Districts in convergence with the various ongoing schemes of the Government. The Mission has made significant contribution in addressing the critical issue of water scarcity and enhancing surface and groundwater availability across various regions. These Sarovars have not only addressed immediate water needs but also established sustainable water sources, symbolizing the commitment to long-term environmental sustainability and community well-being.

Under this mission, approx. 21 lakh cubic metre of excavated earth/soil from 72 Amrit Sarovars across the country was used for construction of new tracks.

Now, Phase II of Mission Amrit Sarovar has been launched and guidelines have been jointly issued by Railways and M/o Rural Development and it 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.

Under this Phase II of the mission, Railways in coordination with District Authorities have taken up identification of the location of New Amrit Sarovars from where excavated earth/soil can be taken for construction of formation of Railway Projects/Works.