

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2672
ANSWERED ON 05/08/2025**

CONDITION OF TRADITIONAL WATER SOURCES

2672. Shri ShyamkumarDaulatBarve:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that traditional water sources like ponds, small reservoirs, canals and wells in many villages of RamtekLokSabha Constituency of Maharashtra are in neglected condition for years which have been heavily silted and have become unusable for irrigation and water harvesting;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to revive them;**
- (c) whether any special programme or drive is being run by the Government for rejuvenation, deepening, desilting and structural improvement of these water bodies under MGNREGS/other rural development schemes in RamtekLokSabha Constituency;**
- (d) if so, the number of villages under RamtekLokSabha Constituency where such works have been carried out during the last five years; and**
- (e) the total number of man days generated and the total amount spent by the Central and State Governments thereon?**

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment Scheme with bottom up planning approach. The works are identified, approved and prioritized out of shelf of work prepared by the Gram Panchayat and recommended in Gram Sabha of each State/UT as per the provision of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural

Employment Guarantee Act. Accordingly, the works are approved and taken up by Panchayat as per the demand.

(c)to(e): The works such as deepening, de-silting and structural improvement of the water bodies are covered under the permissible activities under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. As per information furnished by Government of Maharashtra, in the 65 villages of RamtekLok Sabha Constituency, works such as deepening, de-silting and structural improvement of the water bodies have been taken up. Total persondays generated on these work is 3,60,481 and expenditure incurred is Rs. 7,61,85,837.
