

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA
REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 26

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RESTORATION OF TANKS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

26. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial support to the Government of Andhra Pradesh in its recent decision to restore 9,200 tanks and repair 600 irrigation channels along with construction of 3,250 check dams involving a total financial outlay of Rs 2,100 crores;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of other measures being taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government for restoration of old irrigation projects in the country especially in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) Water being a State subject, it is for the State Governments concerned to take up water resources projects, including restoration of tanks, repair of irrigation channels and construction of check dams etc., as per their priorities and availability of funds, etc. However, Government of India provides partial financial assistance under its ongoing schemes for the identified projects. Some of the schemes under which partial financial assistance is being given to identified projects for restoration of tanks, repair of irrigation channels and construction of check dams, are given below:

1. Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP), Government of India is providing partial financial assistance for extension/ renovation/ modernization (ERM) of major/ medium irrigation projects. Scope of work under such projects may also include repair of irrigation channels.
2. Under Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Har Khet Ko Pani scheme, partial financial assistance is being provided to the State Governments for repair/ renovation/ restoration of identified water bodies and tanks.

3. Government of India is providing partial financial assistance inter-alia for construction of check-dams and other water harvesting structures under Watershed Development component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.
 4. Focused interventions under Jal Shakti Abhiyan annual campaigns taken up by the Government of India and the State Governments, inter-alia, include renovation of traditional and other water bodies/ tanks, enumeration, geo-tagging and making inventory of all water bodies, and removal of encroachments of tanks/ lakes, and de-silting of tanks.
 5. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS) has provisions for public works relating to natural resource management, water conservation and water harvesting structures to augment and improve ground water like underground dykes, earthen dams, stop dams, check dams and roof top rain water harvesting structures in public buildings.
- (d)** Out of the 99 priority projects included under PMKSY-AIBP in 2016, 7 number projects involved ERM works. These included Maniyari tank project & Kharung project, Chhatisgarh; Restoration and modernisation of Main Ravi Canal, J&K; Narayanpur left bank canal project, Karnataka; Anandpur Barrage Phase-I / Integrated Anandpur barrage project, Odisha; Rehabilitation of Ist Patiala Feeder and Kotla branch project (Punjab); and Modernisation of Gang Canal (Rajasthan). Out of these, all except Anandpur Barrage Phase-I / Integrated Anandpur barrage project, have been completed.

Subsequently with the approval of PMKSY 2.0 in 2021, another two ERM projects, namely ERM of Sukla irrigation project (Bodoland Territorial Council, Assam) and ERM of Loktak lift irrigation project (Phase-I), Manipur, have been included for financial assistance under PMKSY-AIBP. Both the projects are presently under implementation.

At present, no proposal for extension/ renovation/ modernization project from the State of Andhra Pradesh has been received in this Ministry.
