

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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WATER CONSERVATION SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether various schemes launched by the Union Government to conserve water have not yielded desired results;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government keeping in view the failure of monsoon this year have decided to initiate new water conservation schemes in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) Water being a State subject, water resources projects including schemes for water conservation are planned, executed and maintained by the concerned State Governments. The Government of India has launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for early completion of ongoing water resources schemes. The Scheme is being successfully implemented. Government of India is also promoting schemes for rainwater harvesting for conservation of water.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c)&(d) The matter of preparedness to meet any eventuality in view of current monsoon situation was taken up at the highest level. Cabinet Secretary monitored the situation at regular meetings. Finance Minister in his Budget Speech has announced scheme to repair, renovate and restore all the water bodies that are directly linked to agriculture.