

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2706  
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MAINTENANCE OF LAKE AND PONDS  
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

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

- (a) Whether there is any proposal to maintain ponds as water bodies to tackle the acute drinking water problem during summer;
- (b) If so, the details therefor; and
- (c) The funds earmarked therefor, State-wise ?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir. Provision of drinking water supply is a State subject and schemes for providing drinking water supply facilities are implemented by the State Governments from their own resources. The Government of India only supplements efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme of the department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development.

(b)&(c)Do not arise.