

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF WATER BODIES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry had taken up a pilot scheme of repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies during the Tenth Plan period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the success achieved so far in this regard; and
- (c) the name of the districts where the scheme has been implemented, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India launched a Pilot Scheme on `National Project for Repair, Renovation & Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture` in January, 2005 with an estimated cost of Rs.300 crore to be shared by Centre and State in the ratio of 3:1 for implementation during the remaining period of Xth Plan. The objectives of the scheme were to restore and augment storage capacity of water bodies and also to recover and extend their lost irrigation potential. The water bodies having culturable command area of more than 40 hectares and upto 2000 hectares were included under the pilot scheme taken up in one or two districts of each State. The Scheme envisaged coverage of 1098 water bodies in 26 districts of 15 States with 0.78 lakh hectare increase in their irrigation potential.

(c) States and districts covered and central share released under the Scheme are annexed.