

**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) the details of the water conservation schemes being implemented by the Union Government;
- (b) the funds allocated and released in this regard to the State Governments, State-wise and scheme-wise;
- (c) whether rain water of various rivers including the river of the Aravali range of Rajasthan flows into the sea and get wasted;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to store this water by constructing dams to provide water for farming and to make drinking water available in nearby cities; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (f) The details of water conservation schemes in respect of Ground Water and in respect of scheme titled "Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies" are given in Annex-I and II respectively.

Irrigation is a State subject and planning, execution and funding of irrigation projects is within the purview of respective State Governments. However, in order to expedite creation of irrigation potential in the country by completing ongoing irrigation projects (which also many a times includes storage for drinking water supply), the Central Government launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) in 1996-97. So far, central assistance amounting to Rs.38983.2354 crore has been released to various states as per details given in Annex-III. Under the AIBP, 275 major/medium projects and 10316 surface Minor Irrigation Schemes have been provided central assistance. Of these, 110 major/medium projects and 6959 surface MI schemes have been reported as completed.