

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF CHECK DAMS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to construct check dams in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the proposals received by the Union Government from various State Governments in this regard, State-wise, including Gujarat;
- (d) the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the funds allocated and released to the State Governments during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Government of India is implementing a Plan scheme for "Ground Water Management and Regulation" under which demonstrative projects on artificial recharge and rain water harvesting are taken up to popularize ground water recharge techniques suitable for various hydrogeological settings. Under these projects various types of artificial recharge structures including check dams, percolation tanks, recharge shafts etc. are constructed. A provision of Rs. 100 crore exists for demonstrative recharge projects during XI Plan.

(c) to (e) 18 proposals having component of check dams have been received in Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) from 8 States. However, no proposal from Government of Gujarat for construction of check dams has been received. Out of 18 projects, 5 projects for construction of 175 check dams at the cost of Rs. 5.30 crore in the States of Kerala, Tamil nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh, have been approved and a sum of Rs. 3.71 crore released to these Sates. State-wise details of funds allocated and released for construction of check dams are given in Annexure.