GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WATER RESOURCES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1668 ANSWERED ON:01.12.2011 DATA BANK ON WATER RESOURCES Natrajan Meenakshi

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any data bank is proposed to be prepared on the old/natural water resources in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the conventional sources of water are proposed to be upgraded;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the assistance proposed to be provided to the State Governments to revive the said water resources?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Presently there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(c) & (d) Yes.

I. The Government of India approved a Scheme on Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies with an outlay of Rs. 1250 Crore for implementation during XIth Five Year Plan Period.

II. Under the Scheme funding is in the ratio of 25:75 (centre to state) for non special category states & in the ratio of 90:10 for special category states (North Eastern States including Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir & undivided Koraput, Bolangir & Kalahandi (KBK) districts of Orissa), drought prone/ naxal affected/tribal areas.

III. The public water bodies are also covered in the scheme. The scheme of RRR of Water Bodies includes the comprehensive improvement of Water Bodies, Catchment Area Treatment, Command Area Development & Capacity Building of stake holders, increased availability of drinking water.

(e) On the basis of proposals received in accordance with the guidelines of the scheme, the release of funds for 3341 Water Bodies with the project cost of Rs. 1350 Crore for the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh (Bundelkhand), Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh (Bundelkhand) have since been processed. Funds to the tune of Rs. 661.07 Crore have been released to all these States so far since 2009-10.