

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL POLICY FOR CHECK DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a National Policy for construction of small check dams in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the above dams would be constructed through the Panchayats or the NGOs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of such dams constructed during the last three years and the current year alongwith the amount spent thereon, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Ministry of Water Resources has not formulated "National Policy on the Check Dams". However, the National Water Policy, 2002 states that construction of check dams should be promoted.
- (c), (d) & (e) Water being a state subject, several measures for development and management of water resources are undertaken by the respective States Governments. State Governments conceive, plan and implement projects including construction of check dams for development and utilisation of both surface and ground water resources for various purposes. Some States have authorized Panchayats / Local Bodies to undertake construction of check dams as per their local requirements. Details about construction of such check dams are maintained by respective State Governments / Panchayats / Local Bodies.