

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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'AVAILABILITY OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES'

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agricultural activities have come to a standstill and rearing of cattle has become tough without tank water;
- (b) if so, the detail thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b): Due to limited availability of tank water and growing demand of water for agricultural activities and rearing of cattle, country is facing water stress, which may affect agricultural activities and also effect water availability for cattle in rural areas, especially in the summer season,

(c) In order to supplements the efforts made by the State Governments in conservation of water resources the Central Government is implementing various schemes namely, Repair Renovation and Restoration of water bodies being implement by Ministry of Water Resources; National Watershed Development Project for Rain fed Areas (NWDPRRA); Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone River (RVP&FPR) and Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) being implemented by Ministry of Agriculture.

Besides above, constructions of farm ponds/tanks/water harvesting structure are also supported under all the major agriculture development programmes/schemes being implemented by Ministry of Agriculture namely, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), FSM, Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNESH) etc.