

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF PONDS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ponds proposed to be constructed by the Government to deal with the drought like situation in North India and other parts of the country; and

(b) the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the same?

Answer

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

(a) Pond is a part of minor irrigation scheme. The irrigation projects including the minor irrigation schemes are undertaken by the respective State Governments as per their own priorities. With a view to encourage the completion of ongoing projects and help states in creation of irrigation potential, Government of India provides financial assistance (grant) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). In case of minor irrigation schemes, the central assistance to the states is provided to the schemes in the states of North-Eastern Region, hilly states namely, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, undivided Koraput, Bolandir and Kalahandi (KBK) districts of Odisha and schemes benefitting tribal areas and drought prone areas. A total number of 14197 MI schemes of 21 states have been included under AIBP so far. This includes 3713 MI schemes of North India (438 MI schemes of Himachal Pradesh, 749 MI schemes of Jammu & Kashmir, 2519 MI schemes of Uttarakhand and 7 MI schemes of Rajasthan.

(b) The State-wise details of MI schemes included under AIBP and funds released for these MI schemes are given in Annexure-I.