

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MICRO WATER HARVESTING PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that micro water harvesting projects have turned around rural life in the water starved regions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to popularise micro water harvesting in water starved regions in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the farmers is likely to be benefited by these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (e): Farmers are provided assistance for rain water harvesting structures under all major programmes of Ministry of Agriculture like Macro-Management of Agriculture (MMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) etc., for providing protective/ supplementary irrigation to standing crops. These structures are mainly in the form of farm ponds, percolation tanks, check dams etc., which help in in-situ moisture conservation, rain water harvesting during dry spells besides enhancing irrigation coverage. These interventions have enhanced production and productivity of agricultural crops in rain- fed areas.