

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF WATER  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government would look into and apply both time-tested techniques and modern innovation to conserve and harness water especially in urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction in each State including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the funds spent in this regard during the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (d) the result achieved for the period, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the future action plan prepared to meet the needs of the country by 2025?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) The Central Government promotes conservation and sustainable harnessing of water resources for various uses, namely drinking water, irrigation, industries etc. The State Governments undertake measures for conservation of water resources through reservoirs, traditional water bodies, rainwater harnessing, artificial recharge to ground water, etc., and implements various schemes for water supply for drinking and industrial uses as well as providing irrigation facilities. The Central Government supplements these efforts of the State government, both technically and financially, through various schemes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP); Command Area Development and Water Management (CAD & WM); and Repair Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies. A Statement indicating the outlays and the actual expenditure in respect of the above mentioned schemes / programmes during the Eleventh Five Year Plan is given at Annexure I.

(d) As a result of the efforts, the total live storage capacity of 253.388 Billion Cubic Meters has been created and the Irrigation Potential Created has increased to 110.86 million hectares. Statements indicating the State-wise total live storage capacity created and total irrigation potential created are given at Annexure II and III respectively.

(e) The conservation and harnessing of water is an ongoing effort by the Central and State Governments. The above mentioned schemes / programmes would continue to meet the future needs of the country. The outlays for the XII Five Year Plan (2012-2017) in respect of AIBP, CAD&WM and RRR of Water Bodies are Rs. 47050 crores, Rs. 15000 crores and Rs. 6235 crores respectively.