GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WATER RESOURCES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4847 ANSWERED ON:25.04.2013 DATABASE OF WATER RESOURCES Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to create a database of old/natural water resources in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to upgrade the traditional resources of water;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of assistance to be provided to State Governments for restoration of the said water resources?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) & (b) There is no proposal at present to create a database of old / natural water resources in the country. However, a web based Water Resources Information System (www.india- wris.nrsc.gov.in) has been developed to keep all water related data (other than classified data) in public domain.
- (c) to (e) State Governments take necessary action to preserve and upgrade traditional sources of water. In order to supplement the efforts of State Governments, the Central Government implements the scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies. Approximately 10,000 water bodies are proposed to be considered during XII Plan covering about 6.235 lakh hectares of Culturable Command Area (CCA). Planning Commission has kept an outlay of Rs. 6235 crores under the scheme of RRR of water bodies for XII Plan.