

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1366
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REPAIR OF PONDS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has allocated any funds to repair and maintain the British era ponds (Mama Ponds) of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government has forwarded any proposal to the Union Government to get financial aid for increasing irrigation capacity and for maintenance of these ponds;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government is taking any steps to allocate required funds to maintain and repair these British age ponds through Repair, Renovation, Restoration (RRR) and other projects; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Under the scheme of Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies with domestic support implemented during XIth Plan, a total no. of 258 water bodies of Maharashtra including 36 water bodies of Vidarbha Region were taken up for restoration. A total grant amounting to Rs. 80.53 crore was released to Government of Maharashtra for these water bodies so far.

(c) to (f): Government of Maharashtra had submitted some proposals earlier during XIth Plan. The scheme on Repair Renovation & Restoration of water bodies for continuation in XIIth Plan has been approved on 20.09.2013 and detailed guidelines circulated on 28.10.2013. The State Government is yet to submit modified proposals as per these guidelines.