

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF YAMUNA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for development of river Yamuna for the efficient use of its water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose so far; and
- (d) the success achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)&(b) For efficient use of water in Yamuna Basin where demand of water is more than availability, schemes for water conservation, rain water harvesting, ground water recharge, storage of monsoon water etc. are being taken up by various agencies in the co-basin States. Role of Ministry of Water Resources is promotional and catalytic.

The schemes by Ministry of Water Resources for development of river Yamuna and for the efficient use of its water, are:

1. Storage Projects: Three Storage projects have been planned for implementation in the Upper Yamuna River Basin by the agencies of Govt. of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, details for which are provided below:

S.No.	Name of the Project	Location	State	Implementing Agency
i.	Renuka Dam Project	Sirmaur district	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL)
ii.	Kishau Multipurpose Project	Dehradun District of Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand	A Joint Venture Jal Vidyut Nigam limited (UJVNL) and Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL) is envisaged by the two States.
iii.	Lakkhwar Multipurpose Project	Dehradun District	Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam limited (UJVNL)

These projects are included under the scheme of National Projects which was introduced by Government of India in the year 2008, and is continuing in 12th Plan. These projects envisage benefits for irrigation/ hydro power/ flood moderation. As per the Guidelines of

National Projects, the projects are eligible for central assistance/ grant of the balance project cost (cost of work) of irrigation and drinking water components of the project. Hydro-power component is not funded under the Scheme of National Projects.

2. Under existing "Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RR&R)" scheme of Ministry of Water Resources, the co-basin states of Yamuna are being encouraged to take up projects, which would augment the storage of rain/ monsoon water in the water bodies, for use during non-monsoon period.

3. Under the National Water Mission water use efficiency is being encouraged throughout the country including states in Yamuna Basin. A Workshop on identification of problem areas and constitute specific situation in the Yamuna command was held in August, 2013. Ministry has also initiated action on promoting water use efficiency through its mass media programme. Similar action has been initiated for reduction/ recycling of waste water with Urban Supply Departments using Yamuna water.

4. A committee under Chairman, Central Ground Water Board which is under Ministry of Water Resources, was constituted for suggesting measures for enhancing rain water harvesting and ground water recharge for States in Yamuna Basin. The Committee has submitted its report in July, 2013, and the actionable points have been forwarded to the different co-basin States for implementation. The States have also been encouraged to seek funding for such projects under the existing schemes of Ministry of Water Resources, especially under RR&R scheme.

5. Efforts are also being made by Ministry of Water Resources to augment the releases downstream of Okhla in Delhi without disturbing the share of individual States, so as to regenerate flows in river Yamuna downstream of Delhi. The issue requires convergence of views between States of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, and also a reference to the High Powered Committee on river Yamuna, set up under directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(c)&(d) So far no funds have been allocated, released or utilised by the Ministry of Water Resources for implementation of these projects.