

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SMALL DAMS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to get the construction of Anicut dams and all other similar works under NREGA in view of absence of any other scheme for grant of fund for the said purpose;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the action taken by the Government for grant of fund for such schemes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Water Resources provides assistance to the special category States and drought prone as well as tribal areas in other States to expedite completion of minor irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits programme (AIBP).10236 minor irrigation schemes including 51 Anicuts have been taken up since inception of AIBP in the year 1996.

Ministry of Agriculture also has a Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e. National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) with the aim to increase in-situ moisture conservation for enhancing productivity. Under this programme, rain water harvesting structures, farm ponds and small check dams are constructed to store water during rainy season.