

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CEMENT STORAGE TANK
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals for constructing Cement Storage Tanks in various rainfed areas in the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the present status of the proposals;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to approve the said proposals keeping in view the problems of irrigation and drinking water in such area ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (d) :No proposal for construction of cement storage tanks was received in the Department of Land Resources from any State government. However, a proposal for the construction of cement storage tanks in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra was received in the Department . The Department is not implementing any scheme specifically meant for the construction of cement storage tanks. The Department is implementing the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) with effect from 26.02.2009 in the country including Maharashtra for the development of rainfed/degraded areas. The IWMP projects are being implemented as per the Common Guidelines for Watershed Development Projects, 2008 (Revised Edition, 2011) through the dedicated State Level Nodal Agencies (SLNAs). The major activities undertaken under IWMP inter alia include preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR), community mobilization, institution and capacity building, entry point activities, ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development, livelihood activities for the asset-less persons and production system & micro enterprises for small and marginal farmers.

Under IWMP, the proposal are sanctioned by the SLNA as per the criteria laid down for the selection of watersheds given in the Common Guidelines. Accordingly, the proposal for the construction of cement storage tanks in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra has been referred to the SLNA (Vasundhra SLNA in the Commissionerate of Agriculture, Pune) for necessary action under the ambit of the Guidelines.