

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Cleaning of Lakes, Ponds and Canals
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any nationwide action plan for cleaning lakes, ponds and canals under the irrigation schemes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a large number of cattle and human beings die every year by getting trapped in silt deposited in canals, if so, the details and facts thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate an annual programme for cleaning of canals and implement it under MGNREGA; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(PROF.SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a)&(b) There is no proposal to formulate a nationwide action plan for cleaning lakes, ponds and canals under irrigation Schemes in the country. However, Ministry of Water Resources is having following two schemes under which ponds and canals can be repaired, renovated and rehabilitated as per priority assigned by the respective State Government to such projects.

(i) Under the scheme for Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies, Government of India is providing assistance to the States. Under the scheme, water bodies of 5 hectare of spread area in rural area and 2-10 hectare of spread area in urban area are eligible for funding.

(ii) Central Government is providing assistance to States for Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) of canals under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) as per contours of the scheme.

(c) No such information is available in the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

(d) No Madam.

(e) Question does not arise.
