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Development of Water Bodies

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the water bodies identified for repair, renovation and restoration along with the programmes/ schemes initiated by the Union Government in consultation with the State Governments for the said purpose;
- (b) whether any requests have been received from certain States including Karnataka for release of funds for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon including the present status of their requests;
- (c) whether repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies with foreign assistance has been undertaken in the country including Maharashtra and if so, the details along with current position of the work taken up thereunder; and
- (d) the steps taken/to be taken to expedite the programmes/schemes meant for the development of water bodies in the country?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) During X Plan, a pilot scheme for "Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies" was launched. 1098 water bodies in 26 districts of 15 States were identified for implementation. Central Assistance (CA) of Rs.197.30 crore was released which resulted in completion of works on 1085 water bodies.

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During XI Plan, a comprehensive programme was launched as State Sector Scheme for Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of water bodies with two components (i) one with external assistance and (ii) another with domestic support. Under the scheme with Domestic Support, 3341 water bodies (Odisha 1321, Karnataka 427, Andhra Pradesh 1029, Bihar 15, UP 28, MP 78, Meghalaya 1, Maharashtra 258, Gujarat 34, Chhattisgarh 131, Rajasthan 16 & Haryana 3) were taken up.

The scheme is continued in XII Plan under which 1057 water bodies have been identified in 8 states (Odisha 760, Uttar Pradesh 8, Meghalaya 9, Uttarakhand 5, Madhya Pradesh 134, Tamil Nadu 105, Rajasthan 32 and Manipur 4).

(b) Requests for inclusion of schemes under RRR of water bodies have been received from 19 States including Karnataka during XII Plan. A total of 1057 nos. of water bodies of 8 states have been included for central assistance.

Regarding request from state of Karnataka, a proposal of 70 water bodies costing Rs.38.15 crore was received in MoWR, RD & GR in Sept. 2013. The observations of MoWR, RD & GR was sent in Jan. 2014. Another proposal of 58 water bodies costing Rs.43.33 crore was received in CWC in April 2013, comments on which have been given in May 2013.

(c) During XI Plan, the Ministry of Water Resources had launched scheme of Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies with External Assistance. Under this scheme, 10887 water bodies were taken up for restoration in the States of Andhra Pradesh (3000), Karnataka (1224), Odisha (900) and Tamil Nadu (5763). No schemes from Maharashtra were taken up under external assistance.

(d) To expedite the programme/ schemes meant for development of water bodies, the scheme for RRR of water bodies has been continued during XII Plan. The scheme envisages taking up RRR works in 10,000 water bodies with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore. The Central and State share would be Rs. 6235 crore and Rs. 3765 crore respectively. Out of 10000 water bodies, 9000 water bodies will be in rural areas and balance 1000 water bodies will be in urban areas. A total of 1057 water bodies located in 8 states costing Rs. 815.573 crore have already been included for funding. An amount of Rs. 103.49 crore towards these water bodies has been released as central assistance during 2014-15. Further the ongoing schemes of XI plan is also being provided fund for its completion.
