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Modern Technologies for Water Bodies
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any programmes to tap water reservoirs and neglected water bodies with modern technologies;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out the neglected water bodies for conservation and renovation with modern technologies; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this direction so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) Water being State's subject, all the water bodies /Rivers/Streams located in a particular State come under the purview of respective State Government. Any programme or measures to tap water reservoirs and neglected water bodies are initiated by respective State Governments. The role of Central Government is technical, advisory, catalytic and promotional in nature. However, Central Government has supported the various State Governments by providing Financial Assistance for the protection and renovation of deteriorating water bodies.

(b) & (c) Minor Irrigation (MI) Census is conducted by Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) on a regular basis for assessment of water bodies like Dug wells, Shallow tube wells, Deep tube wells, Surface flow and Surface lift which serve as surface minor irrigation scheme (in-use or out-of-use). The last Census shows that there were over 5 lakh water bodies in India, used for Minor Irrigation Schemes. Out of these, 0.74 lakh were temporarily not in use and about 0.24 lakh were permanently not in use.

To revive, restore and rehabilitate the traditional water bodies, The Government of India has launched a Scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies which has multiple objectives like Comprehensive improvement and restoration of water bodies thereby increasing tank storage capacity, Ground Water Recharge, availability of drinking water; Improvement in agriculture/horticulture productivity, as well as catchment areas of tank commands; environmental benefits through improved water use efficiency, by promotion of conjunctive use of surface and ground water, Community participation and self-supporting system for sustainable management for each water body, Capacity Building of communities, in better water management and Development of tourism, cultural activities, etc. by providing Central Grant to State Governments. During the XII Plan an amount of Rs 154.78 crore has been released for 1342 water bodies.
