

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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Construction of Ponds in Rural Areas  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of the scheme for digging ponds in view of the drinking water situation and falling ground water level in rural areas of the country;
- (b) the State-wise details of ponds dug in various States; and
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any scheme for conservation of ponds in drought affected areas in the country including Madhya Pradesh?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a)&(b): In current financial year (FY 2016-17) a national target of constructing 8,82,325 Farm Ponds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has been kept to harvest rain water. State/UT-wise details of the status of the work relating to the construction of Farm Ponds in the Financial Year 2016-17 (as on 18-07-2016) is given at Annexure.

(c): States/UTs including Madhya Pradesh can take up the work relating to "Renovation of traditional water bodies including desilting of irrigation tanks and other water bodies" under MGNREGA.

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