

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1199  
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RAINWATER HARVESTING  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is implementing water harvesting scheme to make adequate water available to the farmers for irrigation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the expenditure incurred and the total water harvested during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has provided Central assistance for repair and maintenance of dams and embankments meant for water harvesting to various States including Banka and Jamui Districts of Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated/released/ utilised for this purpose, State/UT-wise;

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;  
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE). (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) Government of India has launched a Scheme "Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies", to inter-alia, harvest rainwater by repairing and restoring the deteriorated/damaged water bodies by providing Central Grant to State Governments. Details of total funds released and utilized by the State Governments, year-wise till March, 2014 for implementing the RRR Scheme are given at Annexure-I. The scheme for implementation of RRR of Water Bodies in XIIth Plan has been revised in October, 2013.

In addition, Central Ground Water Board(CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources has undertaken the Demonstrative Rain Water Harvesting and Artificial Recharge Projects during XI Plan under the Scheme of "Ground Water Management & Regulation". During the XI Plan, 133 demonstrative recharge projects costing Rs.99.87crore were approved for construction of artificial recharge structures in 21 States, involving an expenditure of a sum of Rs.85.04 crore was released for the purpose till 31.03.2014. State-wise details of funds released and quantum of annual anticipated recharge on completion of these structures is given at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d) There are three major and medium irrigation projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) benefitting Banka and Jamui Districts of Bihar namely, Upper Kiul, Omi Reservoir and Bilasi Reservoir. The total central assistance released to these projects is Rs.22.58 crore, Rs.11.40 crore and Rs.3.39 crore respectively.