

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has been implementing any scheme for maintenance and beautification of natural ponds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of ponds in Uttar Pradesh regarding which proposals for maintenance and beautification have been approved under the said scheme?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) There is no specific scheme for maintenance and beautification of natural ponds. However, for revival of public owned water bodies, a scheme for Repair, Renovation & Restoration of Water Bodies during XII Plan was approved by the Government for continuation.

It is envisaged to provide central assistance for restoration of about 10,000 water bodies, to restore an irrigation potential of 6.235 lakh hectares. A sum of Rs.6235 crore has been earmarked for the same.

The central assistance is provided in the form of grant which is 90% of the project cost in special category states (NE states, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Uttarakhand and undivided KBK districts of Odisha) as well as projects lying in drought prone, tribal, and desert prone areas as well as left wing extremism affected areas and 25% of the project cost in the case of non-special category states/areas. The Empowered Committee of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in its first meeting held on 24.06.2014 has agreed to include 8 water bodies in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh for inclusion under the scheme of RRR of water bodies during 2014-15.