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Title: Need to enhance allocation for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) scheme of water bodies to Rs. 30000 crore.

SHRI HARIBHAU JAWALE (RAVER): The Government of India sanctioned a pilot scheme for "National Project for Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" in January, 2005 with an estimated cost of Rs.300 crore to be shared by Centre and States in the ratio of 3:1 proposed to be implemented during the 10th Five Year Plan period. The objectives of the Scheme were to restore and augment storage capacities of water bodies, and also to recover and extend their lost irrigation potential. The scheme was approved for 26 district projects in 15 States, viz., Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Gujarat, Kerala and Maharashtra at an estimated cost of Rs.299.92 crore and Central Share of Rs.197.30 crore had been released to the States at that time. These projects cover 1098 water bodies with total original culturable command area of 1.72 lakh hectares. After RRR works, an additional irrigation potential of 0.78 lakh hectares is likely to be generated. The physical work for restoration has been completed in 1054 water bodies in 15 states so far. The spillover activities were continued during the financial year i.e. 2009-10 in the State of Maharashtra. The irrigation potential created subsequent to pilot scheme is 1.73 lakh ha. approximately. It was observed that this scheme had proved best water punctuation than any other scheme ever.

Different States including Maharashtra had submitted more proposals for sanctioning under this scheme. Ministry of Water Resources had planned to allocate Rs. 30,000 crore in 12th five year plan for RRR Scheme. But unfortunately budget provision for RRR Scheme in 12th Five year plan has been reduced to Rs. 6,235 Crore which will result in scarcity and inefficient punctuation of ground water in future.

I request the Government to please increase the financial provision of RRR Scheme to Rs.30,000 crore in 12th five year plan and sanction the proposals of RRR Scheme submitted by different State Governments.

