

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1042
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018

AVAILABILITY OF GROUND WATER

1042. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the availability of ground water in the country is much less than that of surface water and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any assessment has been made by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme at national level to get a pond constructed in every village of the country so as to meet the requirement of water for irrigation and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the schemes formulated by the Government to recharge the ground water in the States?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

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- (a) & (b) According to assessment done by Central Water Commission, average annual utilizable surface water availability is 690 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) and as per assessment done by Central Ground Water Board, the annual replenishable ground water resources of the country is 447 BCM.
- (c) Farm pond is among the list of permissible works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) of the Ministry of Rural Development and can be taken up in rural areas across the country following due process. Details of the farm ponds taken up during last three years is given at **Annexure**.
- (d) In view of reply to part (c), question does not arise.
- (e) Steps taken by the Central Government for conservation of ground water are available at the following URL http://mowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/MeasuresForGW-Depletion_1.pdf.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Unstarred Q.No. 1042 to be answered in Lok Sabha on 08.02.2018 regarding "Availability Of Ground Water".

Status of the completed Farm ponds in last three years

S. No.	States	Number of Farm Ponds completed			
		2017-18 (so far)	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	1,41,437	3,08,723	15,446	6,276
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	60	567	7	3
3	ASSAM	979	511	490	269
4	BIHAR	1,774	1,961	2,079	1,776
5	CHHATTISGARH	18,278	11,729	2,400	2,228
6	GOA	-	5	7	-
7	GUJARAT	3,542	3,401	1,569	304
8	HARYANA	344	375	185	234
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	6,879	8,518	7,785	11,216
10	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	526	845	841	403
11	JHARKHAND	1,04,631	94,579	7,456	7,266
12	KARNATAKA	15,208	25,098	10,728	8,083
13	KERALA	1,479	5,801	2,457	2,817
14	MADHYA PRADESH	5,278	14,773	15,351	48,070
15	MAHARASHTRA	3,973	5,721	6,111	4,899
16	MANIPUR	19	373	134	88
17	MEGHALAYA	88	271	169	98
18	MIZORAM	1,016	1,239	100	32
19	NAGALAND	126	272	18	1
20	ODISHA	3,841	13,548	10,008	5,875
21	PUNJAB	12	10	11	16
22	RAJASTHAN	14,670	26,806	15,779	23,099
23	SIKKIM	-	-	9	42
24	TAMIL NADU	2,765	2,619	7,325	14,842
25	TELANGANA	41,591	32,400	1,205	120
26	TRIPURA	2,577	3,813	4,984	8,468
27	UTTAR PRADESH	3,784	14,136	11,814	5,413
28	UTTARAKHAND	2,766	1,449	487	371
29	WEST BENGAL	28,446	36,392	34,471	32,097
30	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	4	22	23	21
31	LAKSHADWEEP	-	-	-	-
32	PUDUCHERRY	5	3	7	3
	Total	4,06,098	6,15,960	1,59,456	1,84,430