

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2115
ANSWERED ON 20/12/2022

MISSION AMRIT SAROVAR

2115. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Mission Amrit Sarovar recently to construct sarovars in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the salient features of the said Mission;
- (b) the details of target set by the Government for construction of Amrit Sarovar in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the sites for construction of Amrit Sarovars in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of sites on which construction has been started and the sites on which construction will start soon;
- (e) whether the Government has created any portal to capture all the activities taking places under the said mission and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the extent to which the said Mission will be helpful in solving the problem of drinking water in the rural areas of the country;
- (g) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned under this mission and target set thereunder in the country, State and district-wise; and
- (h) the number of States likely to be covered under this mission, State/district and location-wise including Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): Mission Amrit Sarovar has been launched on 24th April 2022 with an objective to harvest and conserve water for future generation. The salient features of the Mission Amrit Sarovar is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b): The Mission Amrit Sarovar had initially planned a target to construct or rejuvenate 50,000 Amrit Sarovar ponds across India till 15th August 2023. Now, additional 50,000 Amrit Sarovar ponds will be constructed by 15th August 2023.

(c): Yes, Sir. The State Governments have identified sites for constructing Amrit Sarovar in the country.

(d): As on 14.12.2022, the construction works has been started on 53,050 sites. The sites on which construction will start soon are 38,503.

(e): The Govt has created a portal to capture all the activities taking place under the Mission. The details of the identified sites, works commenced and works completed may be seen through the following link: <https://amritsarovar.gov.in/login>.

(f): Every Amrit Sarovar will have a pondage area of 1 acre with a water holding capacity of about 10,000 cubic metre.

(g): **There is no separate financial allocation for Mission Amrit Sarovar.** The Mission Amrit Sarovar works through the States and Districts with convergence from various ongoing schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), 15th Finance Commission Grants, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichayi Yojna sub schemes such as Watershed Development Component, Har Khet ko Pani, besides States' own scheme. Public contribution like crowd funding and Corporate Social Responsibility is also allowed for the work.

(h): The number of States/ Union Territories covered under the mission including States of Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu are 34. The details of the State/Districts and Location maybe seen through the following link: <https://amritsarovar.gov.in/login>

Annexure-I referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2115 dated 20.12.2022.

- i. Mission Amrit Sarovar is based on “Whole of Government” approach with the participation from the Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and technical organizations.
- ii. Under the Mission every district of the country will construct or rejuvenate at least 75 Amrit Sarovars.
- iii. Every Amrit Sarovar will have a pondage area of at least 1 acre with a water holding capacity of about 10,000 cubic metre.
- iv. Every Amrit Sarovar will be surrounded by trees like Neem, Peepal and Banyan etc.
- v. Every Amrit Sarovar will be a source of generation of livelihoods by using the water for different purposes like irrigation, fisheries, duckery, cultivation of water chestnut, water tourism and other activities. The Amrit Sarovar will also act as a social gathering point in that locality.
- vi. Mission Amrit Sarovar is a visible manifestation of the action during Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- vii. Every Amrit Sarovar site is a place for flag hoisting on every Independence Day. In Mission Amrit Sarovar, freedom fighters or their family members, martyrs’ family members, Padma awardees are associated.
- viii. The Mission Amrit Sarovar works through the States and Districts with convergence from various schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), 15th Finance Commission Grants, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichayi Yojna sub schemes such as Watershed Development Component, Har Khet ko Pani, besides States’ own scheme. Public contribution like crowd funding and Corporate Social Responsibility is also allowed for the work.
- ix. The Mission Amrit Sarovar focuses on water conservation, people’s participation and proper utilization of soil excavated from the water bodies to boost infrastructural projects.
- x. Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and other public agencies engaged for infrastructure project development are also engaged in the Mission for the purpose of use of soil/silt excavated out of the Amrit Sarovar.
