

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 661
ANSWERED ON 06/02/2024**

CONSTRUCTION OF AMRIT SAROVAR

**661. SHRIMATI DIMPLE YADAV:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
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DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:**

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Mission Amrit Sarovar in all rural districts of the Country;**
- (b) the objectives and features of the Mission Amrit Sarovar Scheme;**
- (c) the details of sites identified and the total number of Amrit Sarovars constructed and developed till date in starting phase, State and districtwise;**
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised so far, State and district-wise;**
- (e) whether the Government has set any target under the Mission, if so, the details of targets achieved so far;**
- (f) the other steps being taken by the Government for effective implementation of Mission Amrit Sarovar;**
- (g) the details of the rural districts identified or listed for construction/development of Amrit Sarovars for next phase, phase-wise; and**
- (h) the list of the rural districts and their locations in each district with allocation of funds?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched on 24th April 2022, with an objective to conserve water for the future. The Mission aimed at developing / rejuvenating 75 Amrit Sarovar (Pond) in each district of the Country, totaling about 50,000 Amrit Sarovars in the country. Amrit Sarovar has been a visible manifestation of the actions during Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The salient features of the Mission Amrit Sarovar are given at Annexure-I.

(c): States/UTs-wise details of number of sites identified, number of works commenced out of total identified sites and number of works completed out of the commenced works under the Mission Amrit Sarovar are given at Annexure-II.

District-wise details of number of sites identified, number of works commenced out of total identified sites and number of works completed out of the commenced works under the Mission Amrit Sarovar are available on <https://amritsarovar.gov.in/Masterreport>

(d): No separate allocation of funds was done.

(e): The Initial target of the Mission Amrit Sarovar for all States/UTs was 50,000 (at least 75 Amrit Sarovar in every rural district of the country). The target of 50,000 Amrit Sarovar was achieved on the 10th May 2023.

(f): Monitoring application for better implementation has been provided. Comprehensive guidelines for the construction, maintenance and use of the Amrit Sarovar were issued by the Ministry. Further, a monitoring application has been developed for comprehensive monitoring of the Mission. In addition to this, regular review meetings at the Centre and State levels as well as field visits have been carried out for the effective implementation of the Mission.

(g): The target of 50,000 Amrit Sarovar has already been achieved on the 10th May 2023. The Mission has been completed.

(h): District-wise details of Amrit Sarovar may be seen at <https://amritsarovar.gov.in/Masterreport>. There is no separate allocation of funds for the Mission.

Annexure-I referred in reply to parts (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.661 dated 06.02.2024.

- 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 SichayiYojna sub schemes such as Watershed Development Component, HarKhetkoPani, 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.**

Annexure-II referred in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 661 dated 06.02.2024.

States/UTs-wise details of number of sites identified, number of works commenced out of total identified sites and number of works completed out of the commenced works under the Mission Amrit Sarovar.

Sr. No.	State	Number of sites identified	Number of works commenced out of total identified sites	Number of works completed out of the commenced works
1	Andaman & Nicobar	395	257	247
2	Andhra Pradesh	5100	3911	2196
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2856	2245	2044
4	Assam	3424	3058	2890
5	Bihar	4418	3306	2717
6	Chhattisgarh	3880	3231	2916
7	Goa	166	166	165
8	Gujarat	2650	2649	2649
9	Haryana	7746	3373	1764
10	Himachal Pradesh	2685	2024	1787
11	Jammu And Kashmir	4519	2825	2653
12	Jharkhand	4160	2608	2088
13	Karnataka	5264	4670	3786
14	Kerala	936	936	856
15	Ladakh	210	155	152
16	Madhya Pradesh	6667	5991	5537
17	Maharashtra	3397	3195	3013
18	Manipur	1607	1257	1224
19	Meghalaya	1299	773	687
20	Mizoram	1362	1047	1019
21	Nagaland	356	289	267
22	Odisha	4656	3271	2385
23	Puducherry	171	157	152
24	Punjab	2373	1745	1422
25	Rajasthan	3980	3458	3085
26	Sikkim	203	199	199
27	Tamil Nadu	3518	2740	2349
28	Telangana	3942	2827	1888
29	Dadra Nagar And Haveli, Daman And Diu	193	117	117
30	Tripura	953	953	948
31	Uttarakhand	1983	1383	1302
32	Uttar Pradesh	24461	20572	15510
33	West Bengal	257	33	25