

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3798  
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2005  
NATIONAL MISSION ON WATER CONSERVATION  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Mission for Water Conservation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to bring the inter- linking of rivers under this Mission; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) & (b) With a view to take up People Water Conservation Mission through Panchayats utilizing the Wage Employment Programme Funds, a number of activities such as water conservation and water harvesting; drought proofing; irrigation canals including micro and minor irrigation works; provision of irrigation facility to land owned by households belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or to land of beneficiaries of land reforms or that of the beneficiaries under the Indira Awas Yojana of the Government of India; renovation of traditional water bodies including desilting of tanks; and flood control and protection works including drainage in water logged areas have been taken up under the Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.