

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:799
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REJUVENATION OF WATER TANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has decided to rejuvenate over 26,000 water tanks under the World Bank programme;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has received any request in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has agreed to provide 50 per cent of grants for the above-mentioned project;
- (e) if so, whether the State Government of Karnataka has urged the Union Government that the interest rate on this amount should not exceed 4.5 per cent; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

- (a): Currently a community based, World Bank assisted Tank Project is under implementation in Karnataka under which 2000 tanks are to be taken up in the first phase. Government of India, Ministry of Finance is separately considering assistance from the World Bank for restoration and renovation of water bodies in the States where tanks are the main source of irrigation. However, for this purpose project proposals from the State Governments, after processing by Ministry of Water Resources have to be set to Department of Economic Affairs for posing to the World Bank after clearance from Planning Commission.
- (b): No proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka for the rejuvenation of 26000 tanks either in the Ministry of Water Resources or Ministry of Finance in the Union Government.
- (c) to (f): Does not arise.