

agglomeration of the agreements on the use of Godavari Waters among the basin States.

### **Conservation of Water**

3555. SHRI R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes launched by Central Government to conserve water keeping in view the failure of monsoon frequently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to initiate new water conservation schemes in the country to yield desired results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Water being a state subject, water resources projects including schemes for water conservation are planned, executed and maintained by the concerned State Governments. The Government of India has launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for early completion of ongoing water resources schemes. Government of India is also promoting schemes for rainwater harvesting and recharge to groundwater for conservation of water.

(c) A pilot scheme "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies Directly Linked to Agriculture" has been approved by the Government of India. The objectives of the scheme are to restore and augment the storage capacities of water bodies including repair of related structures like checkdams, weirs, bunds and water conveyance system and to recover and extend their lost irrigation potential. A scheme on "Artificial Recharge to Groundwater and Rainwater Harvesting" is also under active consideration of the Government.