

(c) Intra-State projects with additional potential of more than 2,00,000 hectare (ha.) and with no dispute regarding sharing of water and where hydrology is established

Creation of resources from water

2933. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the news item captioned 'wealth out of water' published in the media recently;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Government sponsored local resources have been utilized to create sources of income through water harvesting and management;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) whether Government would implement this scheme in the country at the national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Government of India is aware of the news item captioned 'Wealth out of water' published in 'The Pioneer' on 21st April, 2011, underlining the fact that the revival of lakes and tanks addresses the problem of water shortage as well as generates employment for local communities.

(b) and (c) State Governments conceive, plan and implement various schemes, *inter alia*, to utilize water to create sources of income through water harvesting and management through revival of lakes and tanks.

(d) Government of India encourages such initiatives of water conservation and participatory approach to water resources management through policy directives and providing technical and financial assistance to the State Governments through various schemes, like Demonstrative Projects on Rain Water Harvesting and Artificial Recharge to Ground Water under Ground Water Management and Regulation, Artificial Recharge of Ground Water through Dugwells and Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies.

Rengali Irrigation Project as a national project

2934. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rengali Irrigation Project in Orissa is considered to be declared as a national project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.