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AMRIT SAROVAR MISSION

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets of Amrit Sarovar Mission and whether they have been achieved;
- (b) the roadmap for its implementation in Odisha;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any impact assessment study of the Mission in increasing the availability of water, both on surface and under-ground;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the progress achieved in completion of the objectives; and
- (e) the details of progress achieved by the Amrit Sarovar Mission in the State of Odisha, including the total number of sites identified and the ponds constructed/rejuvenated?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched by Government of India on the eve of National Panchayat Day on 24th April 2022. The Mission aimed at developing and rejuvenating at least 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav totaling about 50,000 Amrit Sarovar in the country. Each Amrit Sarovar was required to have a pondage area of minimum of 1 acre (0.4 ha) with water holding capacity of about 10,000 cubic meter.

The target of 50,000 Amrit Sarovar was achieved on the 10th May 2023. Further, till completion of the Mission in August 2023, more than 68,000 Amrit Sarovars have been constructed/ rejuvenated.

(b) Roadmap for Mission Amrit Sarovar, being uniform for Odisha, as well as other States, is laid down in the guidelines of the Mission, available on the website of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India..

(c) & (d) Government of India has been so far not conducted any impact assessment study for the Mission Amrit Sarovar.

(e) Against the 4,656 number of identified Amrit Sarovars in the State of Odisha, construction/ rejuvenation work has been completed in 2,385 amrit sarovars.
