



# Water Conservation Plan

## Why In News?

On January 21, 2023, Jharkhand Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh launched the 'Water Conservation Scheme' with an outlay of Rs 467.32 crore to benefit the drought-hit farmers of the state.

## Key points

- Under the 'Water Conservation Scheme', 2,133 ponds will be renovated and 2,795 percolation tanks will be constructed in all blocks of 24 districts of the state, an official release said.
- Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh also laid the foundation stone for renovation work of 71 ponds and 184 percolation tanks on the occasion.
- It is known that a percolation tank is an artificially created surface water body to recharge groundwater storage.
- The agriculture minister said the state government has received 31.33 lakh applications from drought-hit farmers and 8.5 lakh of them have been given financial assistance so far.
- He said the state government's effort is to provide Rs 1,200 crore as relief to 30 lakh drought-hit farmers soon.
- It may be noted that the JMM-led government had on October 29 last year declared 226 of the state's 260 blocks as drought-affected areas and decided to provide a cash relief of Rs 3,500 to each farmer family affected by the rain deficit.

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