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The reservoirs in the check dams created recharged the ground water so much so that handpumps even at the higher levels produce water, all the wells have water and ground water in the villages is full while the nearby villages suffer drought. In Ganeshgarh, a rural development institution, NABARD added funds for building 20 check dams and associated structures on the rain catchment in the village. It was a barren high altitude village before the check dams. Now it is such a self-sufficient village that there is no migration and more to work for rural employment schemes.

Prof Ram Chander, head of the department of geology, JNU University says: “The government should also do similar and large scale things. And they should follow the science that the olden concept followed which emphasized the most on site selection. Half the work is done if one selects a geologically right spot for ponds, wells, check dams.”

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