

## PLAN TO CLEAN UP 17,000 PONDS

**CHANDIGARH:** The Punjab government has drawn up an ambitious plan to undertake clean-up of more than 17,000 ponds in the state at a cost of Rs 762 crore, with a portion of the funds for the project to be sought from the Centre.

Chief minister Parkash Singh Badal has given his nod to the proposal for 'remodelling' of 17,255 village ponds, a government spokesman said here. The state government aims to apply to the union ministry of drinking water and sanitation for money from the Centre's flexi funds of Rs 9,000 crore under the 12th Five-Year Plan.

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