

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1984  
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2003  
COMMITTEE ON RAIN WATER HARVESTING  
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;SHIVAJI MANE

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a National Level Committee to oversee the possibilities of rain water harvesting in the country; (

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) whether the Government have made any assessment of rain water going waste in the country; and (

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

( a ) No, Sir.

( b ) Does not arise.

( c ) & ( d ) No assessment of the quantum of rain water being harvested and utilized for different purposes in the country have been made. However, the annual average flow in the river systems of the country is 1869 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM).Owing t o the topographic, hydrological and other constraints, the utilizable water is 1122 BCM of which surface water is 690 BCM and annual replenishable ground water resources in 432 BCM. Presently, 605 BCM is being utilized from surface and ground water resources. Of this, the water presently being utilised for Irrigation is 501 BCM, for Domestic is 30 BCM, for Industry is 20 BCM, for Energy is 20 BCM and for other purposes is 34 BCM.