

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting was held jointly by the Ministry and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to ensure full cost of recovery to the investor on water management and also the availability of raw-material (river water);
- (b) if so, the main points discussed therein; and
- (c) to what extent regulation of authority on water tariff management services was decided?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No such meeting between the Ministry of Water Resources and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) was held. However, a National Conference on Water Management: Public- Private-Partnership was held on 27th May, 2003 at New Delhi. The conference was organised by Confederation of Indian Industry as a part of campaign for 'Freshwater Year'. The Ministry of Water Resources cosponsored the event.

During the conference, discussion were held on following themes:

- (i) Water Policy;
- (ii) Governance in water;
- (iii) Strategies for Water Management; and
- (iv) Agenda for the Future.

There was no recommendation by the conference in respect of regulation of authority on water tariff management services.