

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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DEPLETION OF WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether finite and fragile water resources are stressed and depleting while sectoral demands are growing rapidly in line with urbanization, population explosion, rising incomes and industrial growth;
- (b) if so, whether the national level statistics for water availability makes huge disparities from basin to basin and region to region;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have any plan to ensure equal distribution of water through any mechanism; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has formulated a National Perspective Plan for water resources development, which envisages interlinking various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers.. The plan for interlinking of rivers intends to reduce the regional imbalances of water, in feasible links as per consensus achieved.