

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:956
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AWARENESS ON HARVESTING RAIN WATER
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create awareness among the people for rain water harvesting and prevent the wastage of rain water in view of receding water table; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA), under the Ministry of Water Resources organizes mass awareness and training programmes to educate the public about various techniques and benefits of rain water harvesting. The CGWA has organised 135 mass awareness and 69 training programmes upto 31.02.2003 in various parts of the country. During 2003-04, the CGWA has programme to organise 51 mass awareness and 51 training programmes in the country. The CGWA has also launched a website on roof top rain water harvesting (www.cgwaindia.com) to make aware and educate the public about rain water harvesting. In addition, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has also implemented a Central Sector Scheme on "Study of Recharge to Ground Water" during IX Plan, to demonstrate suitable recharge structures to augment ground water resources which could be replicated. Under the scheme, 174 recharge projects have been taken up in 27 States/UTs in the country for implementation at an estimated cost of Rs. 35.81 crore. The CGWB has also provided design for rain water harvesting system at about 1350 locations throughout the country.