

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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GROUND WATER MAPPING  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have launched the ground water prospects mapping under the Rajiv Gandhi National drinking water mission in six States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives of the Programme and the funds allocated to each State;
- (c) whether these maps are being utilized by the Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details of the utility of these maps and results achieved thereby?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir

- (b) The objective of the programme are
- (i) delineating prospective location for drinking water source and
  - (ii) Prospective area for source recharge.

The details are as follows:-

S.No. Name of the States. No. of Maps.

1. Andhra Pradesh 247  
2 Chhattisgarh 202  
3 Karnataka 267

4. Kerala 67  
5 Madhya Pradesh 458  
6 Rajasthan 482  
Total 1723

The project was awarded to National Remote Sensing Agency at a cost of Rs.13.09 crores. No funds were allocated to States.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) Panchayati Raj Engineering Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh which supply water to rural areas has utilized these ground water prospects maps for source identifications and for locating water harvesting structures. 650 bore wells have been drilled, out of which 566 (87%) are successful. 350 Water Harvesting Structures (WHS) have been implemented, which have improved ground water levels significantly and some of the dried-up wells have also been rejuvenated.