

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:11  
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2003  
HARVESTING OF RAIN WATER  
ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken for rain water harvesting in the cities;
- (b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to promote rain water harvesting?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.11 FOR REPLY ON 21.07.2003 REGARDING HARVESTING OF RAIN WATER

The Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) is promoting rain water harvesting in cities by carrying out mass awareness programmes and training programmes in addition to providing technical guidance to Group Housing Societies, industrial units, individuals to adopt suitable recharge techniques. The CGWA has issued directions to Group Housing Societies, institutions, schools, hotels, industrial establishments and farmhouses located in areas notified by it to adopt roof top rain water harvesting systems. The Ministry of Water Resources has also advised the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation to make roof top rain water harvesting mandatory. Accordingly, the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has amended Building Bye-laws, 1983 making provision for water harvesting through storing of water run-off including rain water in all new buildings on plots of 100 square meters and above in Delhi mandatory. Besides, the State Governments of Haryana and Tamil Nadu have also issued amendments to municipal building bye-laws to make roof top rain water harvesting mandatory for specified category of buildings. The CGWA has organised 135 mass awareness programmes and 69 training programmes upto 31.03.2003 in various parts of the country. During 2003-04, the CGWA has a programme to organise 51 mass awareness programmes and 51 training programmes on rain water harvesting in the country, including cities.