

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:13
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2003
MASTER PLAN FOR ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE OF GROUND WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of "Master Plan for Artificial Recharge of Ground Water" prepared by Central Ground Water Board;
- (b) whether the States have been consulted in the matter;and
- (c) if so, the details of its funding and implementation?

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.13 FOR REPLY ON 21.07.2003 REGARDING MASTER PLAN FOR ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE OF GROUND WATER

The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has prepared a report entitled "Master Plan for Artificial Recharge to Groundwater", which envisages recharge of 36453 Million Cubic Metre volume of surplus monsoon run-off, through construction of 39.25 lakh artificial recharge and roof top rain water harvesting structures. The report outlines broad framework about feasibility of these recharge structures in various parts of the country. The Master Plan is a conceptual document for which States were not consulted and as such, details of its funding and implementation do not arise. However, a centrally sponsored scheme for Artificial Recharge to Ground Water and Rainwater Harvesting at an estimated cost of Rs. 175 crores has been proposed to approval for X Plan.