

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:924  
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WATER CONSERVATION IN HIMALAYAS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have prepared any action plan for water conservation in the Himalayas; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Water being a State subject, water resources projects including schemes for water conservation are planned, executed and maintained by the concerned State Governments out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. However, the Government of India has formulated a National Perspective Plan for water resources development. The Himalayan Rivers Development component of the Perspective Plan envisages construction of storages on the principal tributaries of Ganga and the Brahmaputra in India and Nepal, along with interlinking canal systems to transfer surplus flows of the eastern tributaries of the Ganga to the West, apart from linking of the main Brahmaputra and its tributaries with the Ganga and Ganga with Mahanadi with additional irrigation benefits of about 22 million ha and hydel power generation of about 30 million Kilowatt besides providing flood control etc.