

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5516  
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NORTH EAST VALLEY AUTHORITY  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Committee of Experts to examine the feasibility of setting up a North East Valley Authority;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of study conducted by the said committee on the problem of flooding in Brahmaputra Valley and in Gangetic plains;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to support water harvesting schemes for the benefit of farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c) The Government of India had set up a Task Force on Flood Management and Erosion Control under the Chairmanship of Chariman, Central Water Commission which has submitted its report. This Task Force has recommended setting up of North East Water Resources Authority. Other main recommendations of the Task Force are increase in Plan funds for Flood Management, provide assistance for maintenance of embankments, provision of revolving fund of Rs. 50.00 crore for taking up emergent works and institutional arrangements and outlining immediate, short term and long term measures for flood management.

(d) & (e) A scheme for "Artificial Recharge to Ground Water and Rain Water Harvesting" for implementation during the remaining two years of the 10th Five Year Plan at an estimated cost of Rs. 175.00 crores is under consideration.