

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water resources in the country is fast depleting;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any Master Plan to utilize and to conserve the water resources;
- (c) the names of States for which Master Plan have been prepared; and
- (d) by when the process of water conservation is likely to be started?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. The annual average water availability of the country is assessed at 1869 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM).
- (b) to (d) Water being a State subject, master plan to utilize and to conserve the water resources in States is prepared by the respective State Government. The Ministry of Water Resources has not formulated State-wise master plan. Several measures of water conservation have been undertaken by the respective State Governments. Ministry of Water Resources also encourages the water conservation programmes. Schemes for rain water harvesting and repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies have been taken up by the Ministry of Water Resources.