

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF DRINKING WATER  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is acute shortage of drinking water in Delhi; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to overcome the problem immediately?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI AJAY MAKEN )

(a): Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that against a total demand of 850 MGD of potable water for present population of Delhi, DJB is producing 670 MGD of potable water by optimizing its production against an installed capacity of 650 MGD. There is a shortage of 180 MGD of potable water.

(b): DJB has further informed that to overcome the problem, the following steps have been taken:

(i) A 140 MGD Water Treatment Plant (WTP) has been set up at Sonia Vihar for commissioning on availability of raw water from Tehri Dam.

(ii) DJB has also set up a 40 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Nangloi which is functioning at about half of its capacity at present owing to raw water constraints.

(iii) DJB has further planned construction of following additional Water Treatment Plants from the saving of seepage losses after construction of parallel lines channel from Munak to Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant:

(a) 20 MGD WTP at Bawana.

(b) 20 MGD WTP at Okhla.

(c) 40 MGD WTP at Dwarka.

Ministry of Water Resources has informed that the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) is promoting adoption of rain water harvesting and artificial recharge of ground water by organizing mass awareness programmes, training programmes and by providing technical guidance on the design of rain water harvesting structures.