

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:517
ANSWERED ON:19.05.2006
ROOF WATER HARVESTING
Boianapalli Shri Vinod Kumar

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate a `National Policy for Roof Water Harvesting` for implementing in all cities/town with a view to conserving water in all multi-storey/high rise buildings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to make it mandatory the setting up of roof water harvesting equipment in all multi-storey/high-rise buildings; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 517 FOR 19.5.2006 REGARDING ROOF WATER HARVESTING.

(a)&(b): No, Sir. However, Ministry of Water Resources adopted National Water Policy in the year 1987, since revised in 2002 for guiding the formulation of policies and programmes for water resources development and management. National Water Policy 2002 states, inter alia, that traditional water conservation practices like rain water harvesting including roof-top rain water harvesting need to be practised to further increase the utilizable water resources. Further, Ministry of Water Resources has also prepared a Model Bill to regulate and control development and management of ground water and circulated to the State Governments/ Union Territories which includes rain water harvesting for recharge of ground water.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. However, Ministry of Urban Development has circulated Model Building Bye-laws in March 2005 envisaging therein that the state governments may amend their building bye-laws suitably to provide for mandatory rain water harvesting in all new constructions including multi-storey/high rise buildings while sanctioning building plans. Revision of bye-laws to make rain water harvesting mandatory in all buildings and adoption of water conservation measures is also one of the optional reforms envisaged under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission.