

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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JAL SWARAJ
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to spread green revolution based on the principle of Jal Swaraj ;
- (b) If so, whether the Government proposes to take steps for better management of ground water resources; and
- (c) The details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) The report of National Commission of Farmers, Ministry of Agriculture

(Second Report) has references about `Towards Jal Swaraj : Hydrological Balance and Water Security` which suggests that water harvesting structures, including roof-top water harvesting, and improvement and creation of lift irrigation schemes should be ensured by involving water user associations including Panchayati Raj Institutions, Non-Government Organisations and local communities.

Water being a State subject, several measures for development and management of water resources are undertaken by respective State Governments which include creation of storages, restoration of water bodies, rain water harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water and adoption of better management practices etc. The National Water Policy, 2002 has also laid due emphasis on all related issues including better management of ground water resources.