

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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WATER YEAR - 2007

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present rate of farm crop income per drop of water in different parts of the country and for different agri-crops;
- (b) the details of farmers participatory action research programme designed to create awareness about the technologies available for increasing the productively and profitability of agriculture and launch water literacy drive;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to declare 2007 as `Water Year`;
- (d) if so, the salient features and broad outlines of the plan to observe this year as the `Water Year` and
- (e) the estimated expenditure to be involved in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) The Ministry of Water Resources has not made any specific assessment on present rate of farm crop income per drop of water in different parts of the country and for different agri-crops.

(b)to(e) The Participatory Action Research Programme aims at creation of awareness for water conservation including rainwater harvesting and related issues. Implementation of the programme in 5000 villages of the country is envisaged through involvement of Agricultural Universities/ Institutions as well as Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR), International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Water and Land Management Institutes (WALMIS) and private sector R & D Institutions etc. having relevant expertise on the subject.

The Government of India has declared the Year-2007 as `Water Year` with the focus on;

- (i) developing consensus on appropriate measures including legislation on better management of the water sector including participatory irrigation management, regulated use and conservation;
- (ii) timely completion of irrigation projects and maintenance of existing projects to ensure water availability to farmers;
- (iii) awareness programmes for the masses;
- (iv) organization of conferences, workshops on important development and management issues.

List of major programmes and activities to be undertaken by the Ministry of Water Resources for celebrating Water Year-2007 is enclosed. All States/Union Territories (UTs) have also been requested to undertake similar programmes/ activities in their States/ UTs. All activities related to Water Year-2007 are to be undertaken under the approved programme of the Ministry of Water Resources and its organizations.