

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION**  
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MoUs for Water Resources Management and Development

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has been envisaging bilateral cooperation with other countries in water resources development and management, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) have been signed with European Union and Israel in the field of water resources management and development, if so, the details and salient features of each such MoU signed, countrywise;
- (c) whether any joint working group have been formed to monitor the activities to be carried out there under, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which the said agreements are to be helpful to strengthen the techniques in efficient use of water, micro-irrigation, recycling/re-use of waste water, desalination, aquifer recharge, agriculture and in-situ water conservation techniques?

**Answer**

- (a) Government has signed agreements with Australia, Hungary, Rwanda, Cambodia, Iran, Iraq, China, Bahrain, Fiji, Tanzania, Israel, and European Union to strengthen bilateral cooperation in water resources development and management sector.
- (b) The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with the European Union and Israel on 7. 10.2016 and 11.11.2016 respectively on water sector cooperation. The objectives of the MoU signed with the European Union (EU) is to strengthen the technological, scientific and management capabilities of India and the EU in the field of water management on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.  
The MoU signed with Israel envisages collaboration and sharing experience and expertise in several areas including efficient use of water, recycling/re-use of waste water, desalination, aquifer recharge and in-situ water conservation techniques, and water resource management.
- (c) & (d) The steps are being taken for the formation of Joint Working Groups which will help in monitoring the activities to be carried out in fulfillment of the MoUs. These will help the country in strengthening techniques in efficient use of water, micro-irrigation, recycling/re-use of waste water, desalination, aquifer recharge and in-situ water conservation techniques.

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