

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION  
LOK SABHA**

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TUBEWELLS IN RAIN DEFICIENT AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a scheme to dig tubewells in rain deficient regions/areas with untapped groundwater potential;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the areas/States identified for the purpose;
- (c) the allocation made in this regard; and
- (d) the manner in which the funds are likely to be mobilized for this purpose?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;  
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE). (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) There is no specific scheme to provide funds to the States for rain deficient regions/areas with untapped groundwater potential. However, Central Ground Water Board(CGWB) has constructed till now around 17300 exploratory wells in the Country including in rain deficient regions/ areas with untapped groundwater potential. Successful wells are handed over to the State Governments for further use. In addition, the scheme of Ground Water Management & Regulation, under the XII Plan, envisages the construction of about ten thousand more exploratory wells in various parts of the Country.