

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RECHARGING/ HARVESTING METHODS

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken efforts to preserve, improve and develop the indigenous water recharge/ harvesting methods in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has constituted a panel of experts or professionals to study the efficacy, merits, viability or sustainability of traditional water recharging/harvesting techniques in the said State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the total area of Maharashtra used for indigenous water recharging/harvesting; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for misuse of preservation, improvisation and developing indigenous water recharging/ harvesting methods in the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c) Water being a State subject, necessary measures are being undertaken by the Government of Maharashtra to preserve, improve and develop indigenous water recharge/harvesting methods in Maharashtra. However, steps taken by the Central Government for conservation of ground water, including in Maharashtra, are available at the following URL:

http://mowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/MeasuresForGW-Depletion_2.pdf.

State Government of Maharashtra has launched 'Jalyukt Shivar Abhiyaan' scheme, under which a large number of water conservation structures to recharge the ground water have been constructed through convergence of activities of various line departments.

Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR has constituted a multi disciplinary expert committee team to compile a document related to success stories in water conservation, rainwater harvesting and recharge to ground water including the revival of traditional water recharge practices and also to suggest innovations in different parts of the country including Maharashtra. The report of the Committee concluded that Bridge-cum-Bandhara play an important role in conserving post-monsoon surface water flows as well as ground water base flows. Indigenous Water Recharge / harvesting projects are being implemented all over the State of Maharashtra, with particular focus on water stressed areas.

(d) In view of the above, question does not arise.
