

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WATER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any strategy to speed up work on rainwater harvesting system through out the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have received any proposal from any NGO`s to work in the field;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Various Central and State vernment agencies including NGOsare engaged in rain water harvesting techniques to improve the water availability. The Central Ground Water Board has carried out experiments on roof top rain water harvesting in Maharashtra, Karnataka, NCT of Delhi and Union Territory of Chandigarh under its Central Sector Scheme on `Studies on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water`. Such experiments are also undertaken in some new areas in the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and NCT of Delhi. With a view to promoting roof top rain water harvesting, the Ministry of Water Resources has requested the Ministry of Urban Development to consider enactment of suitable legislation for provision of roof top rain water harvesting for buildings in NCT of Delhi and other cities by concerned organisations.

(c), (d)&(e) The Central Ground Water Board has received the following two proposals in accordance with terms and reference of the Scheme of Ground Water Recharge Studies:-

1. Augmentation of ground water through artificial recharge in Venur Watershed, Vellupuram district, Tamilnadu. The component of the scheme is the construction of percolation ponds, rehabilitation of tank, check dams and contour bunding.
2. Scheme of Roof Top Water Harvesting for Dewas City, Madhya Pradesh. No decision on these proposals has yet been taken by the Government.