

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4551
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2002
DIGGING OF WELLS IN STATES
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has started digging of wells in various parts of the country particularly in tribal areas in various States including Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government propose to formulate any plan for converting the tribal areas of Maharashtra into green belts; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the said plan is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Ground Water Board undertakes drilling of bore holes in various parts of the country, including tribal areas, under its ground water exploration programme. The State of Gujarat is also covered under this programme. State-wise number of bore holes drilled by CGWB upto 31st March, 2001 in tribal areas of the country is given in enclosed statement.

(c) Ministry of Water Resources has no plan for converting the tribal areas of Maharashtra into green belt.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 4551 FOR ANSWER 22.04.2002

State-wise number of bore holes drilled by CGWB in tribal areas of the country upto 31st March, 2001

| Sl.No. | Name of State | No. of wells drilled |
|--------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 1859 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 8 |
| 3. | Chhattisgarh | 426 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 475 |
| 5. | Jharkhand | 339 |
| 6. | Karnataka | 248 |
| 7. | Kerala | 158 |
| 8. | Madhya Pradesh | 516 |
| 9. | Maharashtra | 979 |
| 10. | Manipur | 38 |
| 11. | Meghalaya | 71 |
| 12. | Nagaland | 17 |
| 13. | Orissa | 843 |

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| 14. | Rajasthan | 197 |
| 15. | Sikkim | 40 |
| 16. | Tamil Nadu | 269 |
| 17. | Tripura | 92 |
| 18. | Uttaranchal | 169 |
| 19. | West Bengal | 550 |
| Total | | 7294 |