

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Central Ground Water Board is providing assistance to the State Governments for exploration and management of ground water resources; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided to State Governments including Rajasthan for the purpose during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) provides technical assistance to the States by carrying out ground water exploration and surveys. The scientific data collected during the course of exploration and other scientific studies conducted by the CGWB is provided to the State Governments, which helps them in planning development and management of ground water resources. During the last three years, a total of 2488 exploratory boreholes have been drilled in various States and Union Territories including 178 in Rajasthan. Further, in the drought prone States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand and Kerala, a total of 1134 wells including 135 in Rajasthan have been drilled through outsourcing. More than 6 lakh sq. km. area including of 50,540 sq. km. in Rajasthan has been covered under Reappraisal Hydrogeological Surveys.

Besides, under the Central Sector Scheme of 'Study of Recharge to Ground Water' during the IX Plan, which spilled over to X Plan, 165 rain water harvesting and artificial recharge projects were implemented in 27 States/Union Territories. A total of Rs. 1023.32 lakhs including Rs. 30.52 lakhs to Rajasthan was released to the executing agencies in the States/Union Territories during the period 2002-2004.