

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RAIN WATER HARVESTING
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether despite spending a lot of money by the Government on rain water harvesting to overcome the water crisis in Delhi, the achievements have been far below satisfaction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during the last three years, particularly, with regard to Dwarka, South-West Delhi;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that Residents Welfare Associations of Dwarka have submitted projects of their localities for maintenance of old wells;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the DDA has formulated any action plan for maintenance of these old wells in the localities wherever these are in existence; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)&(b): The Central Ground Water Board as well as Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and New Delhi Municipal council (NDMC) have reported to have initiated various measures/schemes for rain water harvesting and artificial recharge to ground water. The main purpose of the rain water harvesting is to reduce flow of rain water and also raise the sub soil water in Delhi. These measures have been working effectively. However, it is too early to comment on the performance of specific rain water harvesting schemes.

(c)to(f): DDA has reported that one Group Housing Residents` Welfare Society of Dwarka has requested for development of old wells which is under examination.