

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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RAIN WATER HARVESTING

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether India participated in international conference of Rain Water Harvesting at Kandy, Sri Lanka ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether any consensus has been reached among the signatory countries on preservation of ground water resources ;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The steps taken by India at international level to evolve collective steps and a pragmatic policy to improve, utilise, augment and preserve the precious ground water resources?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. An International Workshop on Rain Water Harvesting was held at Kandy, Sri Lanka during 27-29 September, 2006 by the Rain Water Harvesting Secretariat of the Ministry of Urban Development & Water Supply, Government of Sri Lanka. The objectives of the Workshop were:

- (i) Promotion of Rain Water Harvesting in South Asian Region.
- (ii) Establishment and appropriate networking arrangement to facilitate an effective exchange of knowledge and experiences to enhance the adoption of Rain Water Harvesting.
- (iii) Promotion of the establishment of policy and practice for sustainable Rain Water Harvesting.

(c) to(e) The Ministers from India, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka who attended the Workshop have made a declaration to exchange their experiences, knowledge & know-how and to embark on joint action of making use of every possible method for rain water harvesting, in order to make a considerable contribution in solving poverty and water needs of human kind, other living beings and the environment.