

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3186  
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RAIN WATER HARVESTING PROJECT IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to take up any rain water harvesting projects in Orissa particularly in the drought prone areas; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Water being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to formulate plans for augmenting water resources. The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, has also conceived a Centrally Sponsored Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 175 crores for Artificial Recharge to Groundwater and Rainwater Harvesting during the remaining part of the X Five Year Plan. This scheme includes the State of Orissa also with thrust on drought prone areas.