

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF SEA WATER FOR IRRIGATION  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some scientists have suggested the possibility of the use of sea water for irrigation purpose in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken so far to make the sea water suitable for irrigation?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Several scientific reports have indicated about the possibility of use of sea water for various purposes including that for irrigation. However, due to relatively higher costs, there has been very limited use of sea water for drinking water purposes. The National Water Policy states that for effective and economical management of our water resources, the frontiers of knowledge need to be pushed forward in the several directions by intensifying research efforts in various areas. The areas for intensive research listed in the National Water Policy, inter-alia, include ` use of sea water resources `.