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SUPPLY OF WATER IN METROPOLITAN CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any assessment has been made by the Government regarding shortage of water in metropolitan cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate an integrated comprehensive plan for adequate supply of water in metropolitan cities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) is responsible for overall National perspective of water planning and co-ordination in relation to diverse uses of water. As per the Report of National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development, 1999 of the Ministry of Water Resources (Nodal Ministry), the water demand for Domestic & Municipal Use for future is projected as follows:

National water requirements for Domestic & Municipal Use-(Quantity in Cubic kilometre).

Scenario	Year 2010	Year 2025	Year 2050
Low Demand - Total	42	55	90
High Demand - Total	43	62	111
Total Utilizable water source (Surface Water + Ground Water)	1086	1086	1086

The National Water Policy 2002 accords highest priority for drinking water supply from the available water resources, stating that Drinking water needs of human beings and animals should be the first charge on available water.

Further, MoWR has collected the water demand and availability scenarios from State Government Departments for the 35 metropolitan cities of the country having population of 10 lakh and above. The same is placed at Annexure-I.

However, since 35 metropolitan cities in the country are spread over a wide and varied geographic area, due to fund constraints for creating adequate infrastructure and due to leakage of water, there could be shortages in supply of water in metro cities.

(c)&(d): Water supply is a State subject and it is the responsibility of the State Govt./Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to plan and design, execute and operate and maintain water supply through State PHEDs/ Urban Local Bodies with State Plan funds. However Ministry of Urban Development accords highest priority for supply of adequate water in all cities including the metropolitan cities. Under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) 101 water supply projects have been sanctioned for 35 metropolitan cities which is 24% of the total number of projects sanctioned under the scheme.