

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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RAIN WATER HARVESTING  
Lal Shri Pakauri

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage the research for utilization of unutilized rain water to tackle water crises in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the technology available for rain water harvesting in the country;
- (c) the proposals received from various State Governments for rain water harvesting, State-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated and released in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) The Government of India encourages research in various areas of water resources. Important areas for intensifying research efforts have been identified in National Water Policy which inter-alia include, "water harvesting and ground water recharge" and "water conservation". Various techniques for rain water harvesting have been duly identified which inter-alia include percolation tanks, check dams, recharge shafts / trenches/pits, sub-surface dykes, nala bunds, contour bunds, gully plugs etc. that are prevalent for utilization of unutilized rain water.

(c) to (d) The programme for rain water harvesting and ground water recharge are implemented by the respective State Governments. However, demonstrative projects in respect of rain water harvesting and ground water recharge are also undertaken by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). Details of funds released to the States for rain water harvesting and artificial recharge to ground water by CGWB during the last three years and current financial year is Annexed.