

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL WATER MISSION

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a National Water Mission in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the Mission; and
- (c) the manner in which the said Mission is likely to address the issues of climate change/global warming?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) The National Action plan on Climate Change has been released in June 2008 which envisages institutionalization of eight national missions. National Water Mission is one of the eight identified national missions. Ministry of Water Resources has prepared the draft comprehensive Mission Document for National Water Mission through a consultative process. The objective of National Water Mission is 'conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources management'. Five goals identified for the National Water Mission are
- (i) Comprehensive water data base in public domain and assessment of the impact of climate change on water resources,
 - (ii) Promotion of citizen and state actions for water conservation, augmentation and preservation,
 - (iii) Focused attention on over over-exploited areas,
 - (iv) Increasing water use efficiency by 20%; and
 - (v) Promotion of basin level integrated water resources management.