

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1640
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RESEARCH ON WATER SHORTAGE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a Expert-Committee on water solution to conduct study/research to solve the water shortage in the country;
- (b) if so, the terms and reference of the Committee;
- (c) whether the Committee has submitted its reports;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): The terms of reference include finding of technical solutions, test, validate and prove the feasibility on implementation of these technical solutions in different social contexts.
- (c): The Committee has been submitting Progress Reports to the Supreme Court as required.
- (d): The final report is due to be submitted by February 2012.
- (e): Research and Technology solutions have been initiated and preliminary results are expected only in November, 2010.