

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3399
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INSTALLATION OF DESALINATION PLANTS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has proposed to undertake installation of desalination plants using sea water and reverse osmosis technology to check acute drinking water shortage in Mumbai and submitted any proposal to the Union Government in this regard;and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a): Yes, Madam. Request has been received from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra. However, no formal proposal has been received.

(b): The matter was examined in this Ministry and the Government of Maharashtra has been advised to explore the possibilities for better water supply management through leakage control; metering for sustainable use; environment friendly pricing policies; reuse of treated waste water, besides water source potential creation through projects on Gargai, Pinjal, Kalu and other small and medium structures instead of opting for installation of a desalination plant using sea water and reverse osmosis technology.