

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:24

ANSWERED ON:10.11.2010

NATIONAL WATER POLICY

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

- (a) whether the National Water Policy envisages formulation of `State Water Policy`;
- (b) if so, the names of the States which have formulated and adopted the `State Water Policy`;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to ensure formulation and adoption of the policy by each State;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revise the National Water Policy to ensure basin level management strategies;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken in this regard so far?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.24 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10-11-2010 REGARDING NATIONAL WATER POLICY

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): State Water Policies have been formulated and adopted by 12 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh. Further, Delhi, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli have adopted the National Water Policy.

(c): Ministry of Water Resources has been pursuing with State Governments for formulation of State Water Policy and the status is also reviewed at the meeting of the National Water Board.

(d) to (f): The National Water Policy states that it may be revised periodically as and when need arises. Further, the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) states that "the National Water Policy would be revisited in consultation with States to ensure basin level management strategies to deal with variability in rainfall and river flows due to climate change". Ministry of Water Resources has initiated the consultation process with various stakeholders for review of National Water Policy. "Review of National Water Policy" has been discussed with the representatives of State Governments during the meeting of the National Water Board held on 18-09-2009. A consultation meeting with Hon'ble Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources, Consultative Committee for Ministry of Water Resources and Parliamentary Forum on Water Conservation and Management was held on 28-07-2010 at New Delhi. A Brain Storming Session with the academia, experts and professionals was also organized on 26-10-2010 at New Delhi.