

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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BUREAU OF WATER EFFICIENCY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Bureau of Water Efficiency on the lines of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons behind the above initiative;
- (d) whether there is a mechanism in place of water auditing for the industry;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the other initiatives being taken by the Government to increase efficiency in water usage?

Answer

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

(a) At present there is no proposal to set up a "Bureau of Water Efficiency".

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

(d) to (g) At present, there is no specific mechanism under Ministry of Water Resources for water auditing for industries. However, Central Water Commission has prepared a "General Guidelines for Water Audit & Water Conservation for Domestic, Irrigation and Industrial Purposes". The guidelines broadly cover various steps of water audit including water supply usage study, process study, system audit, discharge analysis and water audit report. Aspects related to irrigation, domestic and industrial usages of water have been covered in the report. The guidelines have been circulated to the States. Further, promotion of mandatory water audit including those for drinking water purposes has been included as an important strategy in the draft mission document for National Water Mission.