

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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WATER GOVERNANCE  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has started working towards linking water supply with value addition;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has also given the responsibility to a Working Group on Water Governance to find out a price determination system;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the availability of water in the country is still more than its requirement;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the difference in the availability and requirement of water in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSION(SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) to (c): A Working Group on Water Governance for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017) has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mihir Shah, Member (Water Resources), Planning Commission. One of the Terms of Reference for this Working Group is: "Delineate the contours of a transparent and participatory process of water tariff determination in each water sector".
- (d) to (f): The availability of water in the country is 1869 billion cubic metre (BCM). Out of which utilizable water is 1123 BCM (690 BCM as surface water and 433 BCM as groundwater). The present requirement of the water for all sectors in the country is estimated to be 634 BCM.