

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to set up a National Water Security Commission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) & (c) There are two apex professional bodies at the central level – the Central Water Commission (CWC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). These organizations collect hydrological data, carry out the studies, and provide necessary technical support to the respective State Governments in planning, development and management of surface water and ground water resources in a sustainable manner. The activities of CGWB, inter-alia, include exploration studies for assessment of ground water including those in deep aquifers. During the process of planning, due emphasis is laid on conjunctive use of surface and ground water resources.