

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5798  
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RAINWATER HARVESTING IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any scheme for rain water harvesting in the rural areas of the country, including Jharkhand State;
- (b) whether the water-table is likely to rise and irrigation facilities are likely to be increased in rural areas after sanctioning the said scheme; and
- (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Central Ground Water Board under Ministry of Water Resources has implemented demonstrative projects on rain water harvesting and artificial recharge to ground water in the country including Jharkhand for replication under similar hydrogeological environments by the State Governments.
- (b) Impact assessment of demonstrative recharge projects implemented during IX and X Plan periods has indicated rise in ground water levels locally, revival of dried up dugwells, improvement in well yield, increase in cropped area etc.
- (c) State wise details of impact assessments of IX and X Plan periods are given in Annexure I and II respectively.