GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WATER RESOURCES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1631 ANSWERED ON:01.12.2011 SURVEY OF GROUND WATER LEVEL Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government Water Board regularly monitors the ground water level in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the extent to which ground water level has improved during the current year as compared to the previous survey; State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Central Ground Water Board monitors ground water levels four times a year during the months of January, April/ May, August and November on regional scale in the country.

(b) A comparison of ground water level data of pre-monsoon (April/ May) season during 2010 with 2011 indicates that around 63% of the wells analysed have recorded rise in water levels, with majority of wells showing rise in the range of 0 - 2 metres. State-wise details are given in Annexure I.