

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3463
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EXPLOITATION OF GROUND WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Amjhar Power Plant and KVK Power Plant in Amartal village in Janjgir-Champa district in Chhattisgarh are exploiting the ground water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these plants are paying taxes to the Government for using the ground water;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to check depletion of water level around 20 square k.m. of the area due to these plants?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has issued No Objection Certificate (NOC) to M/s Chhattisgarh Steel & Power Ltd. located in village Amjhar, district Janjgir-Champa for withdrawal of ground water to the tune of 1150 m³/day. No NOC has been issued by the Authority to M/s KVK Bio Energy Pvt. Ltd. located at village Amartal, block Baloda, Janjgir-Champa district, as it was already existing. However, as per information available with the Authority, M/s KVK Bio Energy Pvt. Ltd. is withdrawing ground water to the tune of 2010 m³/day.

(c) & (d) Water being a state subject, collection of taxes for using the ground water is outside the purview of the Central Government.

(e) As per last assessment of ground water resources carried out jointly by Central Ground Water Board and State Ground Water Organizations in 2004, the area in which these two plants are located falls under safe category with stage of ground water development at 13.75%. The long term trend of ground water levels in the area does not show any significant decline. However, fitting of water meters and recording the abstraction volume, monitoring the ambient ground water levels and quality and implementing ground water recharge to the tune of 1,39,650m³/year for augmenting ground water resources have been laid down in the NOC issued to M/s Chhattisgarh Steel & Power Ltd.