

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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WATER CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total requirement of water for various purposes in the country in comparison to the total availability of water, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments regarding water conservation and management;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon, State-wise; and
- (d) the funds granted to various State Governments for the purpose during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

- (a) National Commission on Integrated Water Resources Development (NCIWRD) has assessed the water requirement for various purposes. Total water requirement for various uses for the year 2050 as assessed by NCIWRD is at Annex - I. The State-wise water requirement is at Annex-II. Total availability of water in the country has been assessed to be 1869 billion cubic metre (BCM). State-wise total water availability has not been assessed by Ministry of Water Resources.
- (b) to (d) State Governments conceive, plan and implement major and medium irrigation projects and minor irrigation schemes for utilization of both surface and ground water resources. Government of India provides central assistance to State Governments through various schemes / programmes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Command Area Development & Water Management (CADWM) Programme, schemes for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies and Artificial Recharge of Ground Water through Dugwells. The details of assistance provided to States during the last three years and during the current year are at Annex-III.