

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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COMMUNITY BASED MANAGEMENT OF GROUNDWATER

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether community-based approach to groundwater resource management could save water resources while also raising farmers' income according to a study released by the World Bank recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) The report entitled 'Deep wells & Prudence' brought out by the World Bank has discussed Andhra Pradesh Farmer-Managed Groundwater Systems Project (APFAMGS) funded by UNFAO, implemented by a nodal executing agency in seven drought prone districts of the state of Andhra Pradesh which has resulted in reduction in water use and improvements in profitability of farmers, with the net value of outputs nearly doubling during the project period.

(c) Water being a State subject, it is responsibility of State Governments to take appropriate action in the matter.