

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SUSTAINABILITY OF WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to ensure the sustainability of water resources in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is an urgent need to improve the availability of domestic water supply in view of the increase in population and number of habitations and at the same time to cope with the increasing demand for sectors like agriculture and industry; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the Government propose to meet the said requirement?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Central Government is undertaking several steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management to ensure sustainability of water resources. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The Central Government proposes to meet the increasing demand of water through increase in water use efficiency.