

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether India is expected to face water famine in the near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and response of the government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to control the use of water available in all forms; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) India has become water stressed country with per capita water availability of about 1545 cubic meter per year. Several steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management of water resources are taken up by the respective State Governments. 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.

Government of India has launched the National Water Mission with the objective of 'conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management'.

- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.