

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF WATER

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage water conservation through small dams and/or check dams (KT Weirs);
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to organize mass awareness programmes and water management training programmes to create awareness on water conservation in a big way in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds being spent during the current financial year (2011-12) on various campaigns on water conservation?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Several measures for development and management of water resources including water conservation through small dams and / or check dams are undertaken by the respective States Governments. Some States have authorized Panchayats /Local Bodies to undertake construction of check dams as per their local requirements. Details about construction of such check dams are maintained by respective State Governments / Panchayats / Local Bodies.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) Ministry of Water Resources has initiated a Scheme titled "Information, Education and Communication (IEC)" during the XI Plan with an outlay of Rs.83 crore for spreading mass awareness which includes the subject of judicious use of water and necessity for conservation of water.
- (e) The major mass awareness activities carried out and funds placed under the IEC scheme during the year 2011-12 are Annexed.