

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4460  
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UNITED NATIONS REPORT ON WATER  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the United Nations report on water released in World Water Forum which emphasised action for the prevention of the wastage of water, especially in irrigation;
- (b) the salient features brought out in the report; and
- (c) the measures proposed to be taken to contain the wastage including usage charges and realistic pricing of water?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The fourth edition of the World Water Development Report (WWDR4), 'Managing Water under Uncertainty and Risk' was recently launched at the 6th World Water Forum in Marseille. The key messages from the Report are Annexed.

(c) The Government of India has launched 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.

Annexure

(Annexure referred in reply to the Unstarred Question No. +4460 to be answered on 3.5.2012 in the Lok Sabha regarding United Nations Report on Water.)

# Water underpins all aspects of development: it is the only medium that links sectors and through which major crises can be jointly addressed.

# A coordinated approach to managing and allocating water across competing sectors to meet multiple goals also helps ensure that progress made in one sector is not offset by declines in others.

# Strong institutions and political will are needed to facilitate discussion and decisions between sectors and help balance risks. Institutional arrangements and regulatory frameworks must also have the flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances affecting water management.

# Global interdependencies will increasingly be woven through water: If no immediate action is taken, regions and sectors without enough water to meet their own needs will need to rely more heavily on others' resources to meet them.

# Under global conditions of increasing uncertainty and risk, concerted action must now be taken by water managers, leaders in government, civil society and business at local, basin, national

and global levels. It is critical that national governments assume leadership and integrate water as a priority in all key policy areas - trade and the economy, food and energy security, financing, public health and security - within their own countries as well as through global policy tracks, including the MDGs, CSD, and UN Conventions.