

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SAVE WATER MOVEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme to aid Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that are engaged in Save Water Movement; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) During the XIth Plan period (2007-12), "Information, Education & Communication (IEC)" scheme was launched, which involved support to Non Governmental Organization's (NGO's) for awareness activities on water conservation. Internationally renowned NGO's like Chambers of Commerce viz. CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM etc. were associated on selected occasions/ programmes.

During the XIIth Plan period (2012-17), a new scheme "HRD/Capacity Building" has been launched wherein IEC has been made a component, and Grant-in-Aid to NGO's is a part of the activities envisaged in the scheme.

The Ministry also provides Grant-in-Aid to various research/ educational institutions including NGOs under the Plan Scheme 'Research & Development Programme in Water Sector' for carrying out research and organising seminar/ conference/ workshop in water sector.

Further the Ministry has recently formulated new guidelines for giving Grants-in-Aid to NGOs involved in activities like promotion of water literacy, awareness, data collection and other activities.