

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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EFFICIENCY IN USE OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any international comparison has been done to ascertain the country's water use efficiency in the agricultural sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to promote the judicious use of ground water;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the means by which the new policy would strengthen institutional and legal structures related to water use?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The studies carried out for surface water irrigation projects in India have indicated water use efficiency of about 35-40% as compared to 50-60% in developed countries.
- (c) & (d) The Government has advised State Governments, inter-alia, to enact laws to regulate extraction of groundwater, to setup Water Regulatory Authorities for appropriate pricing and allocation of water, to set up Water Users Associations and to encourage recharge of ground water.
- (e) Revised Draft National Water Policy (2012) inter-alia states that National Water Board shall prepare a plan of action based on the National Water Policy, as approved by the National Water Resources Council, and to regularly monitor its implementation.