

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF WATER

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of availability of water per person at international level and in the developed countries;
- (b) the details of availability of water per person in the country at national and at State level, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the average annual quantum of availability of fresh water in the country during each of the last five years?

Answer

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) The global average per capita freshwater availability comes to about 28571 m³ / year. As per Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) global information system on water and agricultural AQUASTAT, the per capita water availability in some of the developed countries is as follows:-

Sl.No.	Country	Average annual per capita water availability (in m ³)
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1. Australia 22464

2. Canada 86177

3. France 3379

4. United Kingdom 2375

5. United States of America 9974

(b) The average annual per capita water availability in the country as per the 2011 census is 1545 cubic meters. State-wise per capita water availability is not available since State wise surface water availability has not been assessed.

(c) As per the latest assessment the average annual water availability for the country has been assessed as 1869 billion cubic meters (BCM) out of which a quantity of 1123 BCM is utilizable. Year wise water availability has not been assessed.