

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:973  
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WATER BODIES IN THE COUNTRY  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of water bodies in the country at present along with the annual capacity of such water resources;
- (b) whether any assessment of water resources available and required in urban areas has been made; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) According to 3rd Minor Irrigation census conducted by Ministry of Water Resources with reference year 2000-2001, the number of water bodies identified in the country are 5.56 lakh. The total number of water bodies not in use are 85807. Out of 5.56 lakh water bodies, there are 2.39 lakh public owned water bodies. Ministry of Water Resources do not maintain the record of annual capacity of these water bodies.

(b) Yes, Madam. However, Ministry of Water Resources do not maintain the record of assessment of water resources available in urban areas.

(c) Does not arise.