

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1846
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DARK ZONE AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has considered or is considering the demand of any special package for the dark zone areas (based on groundwater tabl
- (e) in the country;
- (b) if so, the allocation made for the dark zone area of Rajasthan under the said package;
- (c) whether the Planning Commission has endorsed the proposal under consideration for setting up separate development board for the said areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Government has not received any demand for special package for the dark zone areas in the country. No such proposal for special package for dark zone areas is under consideration of the Ministry of Water Resources.
- (b) No allocation has been made for dark zone areas of Rajasthan. However, under the Central Sector Scheme of Ground Water Management & Regulation, 49 demonstrative projects on rain water harvesting and artificial recharge costing Rs. 404.777 lakh were approved for implementation during XI Plan in over-exploited areas of Rajasthan.
- (c) The Planning Commission has not endorsed any proposal for setting of separate boards for the development of the dark zone areas.
- (d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.