

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF GROUND WATER IN HILLY AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to find the availability of ground water in hilly areas and in surrounding fields;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount likely to be spent on this scheme and the quantity of ground water likely to be made available along with the State-wise details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Central Ground Water Board under the Ministry of Water Resources has not prepared any specific scheme to find the availability of ground water in hilly areas and in the surrounding fields. As per the recommendations of the Ground Water Estimation Committee (GEC' 97) areas with more than 20% slope are considered 'hilly areas'. Groundwater recharge in such areas is negligible. Hence, separate estimation of groundwater resources is not made for such hilly areas.

(c) In view of above, question does not arise.