

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3145

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WATER EFFICIENCY AGENCY

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to set up a water efficiency agency on the lines of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency to encourage conservation of water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has approached industrial bodies such as Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to conduct an audit of water conservation by industries; and

(d) if so, the response from these industrial bodies?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The proposal to set up National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency inter alia envisages taking necessary steps to improve water use efficiency and encourage conservation of water in agriculture, domestic and industrial sectors.

(c) & (d) In pursuance of strategies of National Water Mission, Secretary (Water Resources) convened a meeting of various industry organizations on 6th March, 2012 wherein the need to evolve standards / guidelines for water use and water auditing to achieve conservation and efficient use of water in industries was emphasized. The representatives of industry associations expressed full support for this endeavor.