

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
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 share of water resources available from various sources in the country in terms of percentage; and
- (b) the details of utilization thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) The average annual water availability for the country has been assessed as 1869 billion cubic meters (BCM). Due to topographic, hydrological and other constraints, the utilizable water has been estimated to be about 1123 BCM comprising 690 BCM of surface water (61.44%) and 433 BCM of replenishable ground water (38.56%).

(b) It has been estimated by Central Water Commission (CWC) in the year 2009 that about 450 BCM of surface water and by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) in the year 2009 that about 243 BCM of ground water are being utilized for various purposes.