

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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RATIONALISING THE USE OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether water is likely to be preserved by rationalising the use of water in industrial sector;
- (b) if so, whether any assessment has been made by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the quantum of water estimated to be preserved every year; and
- (d) the quantum of water used in industrial sector in the country in a year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) Yes, Madam. The Government has launched the National Water Mission with the objective of 'conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management'. 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.

(b) & (c) No, Madam. The Government has not made any assessment of the water likely to be preserved in this regard.

(d) The National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development in its Report (1999) had assessed the annual water requirement for industrial uses in the country as 67 billion cubic meters (BCM) and 81 BCM by the years 2025 and 2050 respectively.