

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RAIN-WATER HARVESTING

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any positive result of the various awareness campaigns started by the Government for water conservation;
- (b) if so, the details of the agencies/ authorities designated for the conservation of ground water through rain-water harvesting;
- (c) whether the Government has organised any training camps for rain-water harvesting; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the State- wise amount of funds provided for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) Yes, Madam. According to the Draft Evaluation Report, the Information, Education & Communication Scheme of the Ministry of Water Resources has yielded a positive result in terms of better awareness on water conservation.
- (b) Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), the designated agency for the conservation of ground water through rain-water harvesting, carries out its activities through eighteen regional offices spread over the country.
- (c) CGWB organizes training programmes on rainwater harvesting and artificial recharge in different parts of the country.
- (d) So far, a total of 393 training programmes have been conducted by CGWB to train resource persons as part of capacity building for designing rain water harvesting structures to augment ground water in different terrains and diverse hydrogeological conditions. These training programmes are organized for ground water professionals from State and Central Government agencies and NGOs. During the last three years, CGWB has organized 56 such training programmes in different States. A summary statement of the funds allocated during the last three years for organization of training programmes is given in Annexure-I.