

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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WATER SCARCITY BY 2030
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government in response to the warning of the United Nations that two-thirds of the globe may be `water-stressed` by 2015, while India, with the opposite demographic trend, will face shortages from 2030; and

(b) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Considering that the per capita water availability is reducing due to population growth, increasing demand for water for various purposes and over-exploitation of water resources, particularly ground water resources, several steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management are undertaken by the State Governments. For supplementing the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes. Besides, Government of India has launched National Water Mission with the main objective of increasing the existing water use efficiency by 20%.

(b) The efforts of the Central and State Governments have resulted in increased storage capacity of water in the country. The live storage capacity of 15.6 Billion Cubic Meter available in the country at the time of independence has increased to about 253.388 BCM.