

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:184
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2012
EXPLORATION OF GROUNDWATER
Sukur Shri Jadhav Baliram

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government provides financial and technological assistance to the States for surveying, monitoring and increasing the level of ground water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of funds released and spent there for during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has accorded sanction to the proposals for exploration of ground water in the hilly areas of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far State-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a)to(e). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.184 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2012 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING "EXPLORATION OF GROUNDWATER" ASKED BY SHRI BALIRAM JADHAV, HON'BLE M.P:

(a) Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) under Ministry of Water Resources provides technical assistance to the State Governments by providing training to the officers for their capacity building on various aspects of ground water survey, monitoring and management through its Rajiv Gandhi National Ground Water Training & Research Institute. In addition, for increasing the level of ground water, CGWB has implemented various demonstrative pilot artificial recharge projects under Central Sector scheme.

(b) State-wise and year-wise details of financial assistance provided for demonstrative artificial recharge projects during the last 3 years and current year are given in Annexure-I. Year-wise details of various training courses conducted during the last 3 years are given in Annexure-II.

(c) to (e) CGWB under its normal exploration programme carries out exploration of ground water in the country including the hilly areas. Out of the total 14044 Exploratory Wells constructed in the Country, 1534 wells were in hilly areas. State-wise details are given in Annexure - III.