

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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GROUNDWATER USE
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made surveys on groundwater use in rural areas especially in backward States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (c) the views of experts in this regard; and
- (d) the plan of action prepared for the backward areas in using safe groundwater for the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) Central Ground Water Board and State Ground Water Organizations jointly carry out periodic assessment of replenishable ground water resources and their withdrawal in all the States in the country including rural areas of the backward States.
- (b) The latest assessment of ground water resources (as on 2009) has estimated stage of ground water development in the country at 61%. State-wise details of ground water resource assessment are given in Annexure.
- (c) Central Level Expert Group, constituted by the Government for overall supervision of reassessment of ground water resources in the country, has vetted the reassessment of ground water resources and status of its utilisation (as on 2009).
- (d) Ministry of Water Resources has planned to undertake Aquifer Mapping including water quality assessment throughout the country during the XIIth Five Year Plan. Based on aquifer mapping exercise, sustainable ground water management plans would be developed for each aquifer.