

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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RAIN WATER HARVESTING  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps being taken by the Union Government for promoting rain water harvesting in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has started any programme to educate farmers and create awareness among them about rain water harvesting and dealing with the problem of ground water depletion and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has started the said programme for farmers through electronic media;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether there is State-wise data available on the units of water harvesting structures that have been constructed from the funds released by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) For promoting rainwater harvesting in the Country, Government of India has implemented pilot / demonstrative artificial recharge project. This would enable the Central and State Organizations to replicate such projects. In addition, technical assistance is provided to the State Governments for promoting rainwater harvesting.

(b) to (d) Ministry of Water Resources has implemented a scheme of Information, Education & Communication (IEC) with the objective to create awareness among various target groups about the importance of development and management of water resources including rainwater harvesting. Besides, under Farmers Participatory Action Research Programme (FPARP) a film of approximately 22 minutes duration was telecast on Lok Sabha TV. This film was telecast once a week for 12 weeks in 2009-10 and once a week for 16 weeks in 2011-12. Government has also commissioned a study to assess the impact of mass awareness activities conducted under IEC scheme during the Xth Five Year Plan period.

(e) Yes, Madam. Details of State-wise numbers of dugwell recharge structures constructed under the scheme of "Artificial Recharge of Ground Water through Dugwell" as on 30.10.2012 are given below:

Sl.No. State Number of dug well recharge structures constructed

1 Gujarat 8974

2 Karnataka 11123

3 Madhya Pradesh 29851

4 Maharashtra 38498

5 Rajasthan 4619

6 Tamil Nadu 21496

Total 114561

