

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF GROUND WATER SITUATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Ground Water Board has conducted a review regarding ground water in the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether there is any proposal to conduct such a review and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Yes Madam. Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) under the Ministry of Water Resources and State Governments have jointly reassessed availability of replenishable groundwater resources in the Country in 2009. Apart from this, groundwater regime monitoring is also carried out by CGWB on regional scale through a network of 15653 observation wells distributed throughout the Country. Water levels are monitored four times in a year during the months of January, April/May, August and November. Samples for water quality analyses are collected from 10714 wells once in a year during the month of April/ May.

(b) State-wise details of annual replenishable resources as per assessment of groundwater resources carried out as on 2009 are given in Annexure-I. State-wise details of depth to groundwater levels as observed during August, 2012 are given in Annexure-II and State-wise details of districts from where various contaminants have been reported from isolated pockets are given in Annexure-III.

(c) In view of reply to part (b), doesn't arise.