

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3322

ANSWERED ON:13.12.2012

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE

Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Dharmshi Shri Babar Gajanan;Singh Shri Dushyant;Yadav Shri Dharmendra

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

- (a) whether the high powered Committee on Allocation of Natural Resources has suggested to the Government to amend the Easement Act to remove `water` from the definition of private property under the Constitution;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has circulated the aforesaid report among the State Governments;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to amend the Inter-State River Disputes Act to set up a single tribunal with several benches for faster disposal of disputes in a time-bound manner; and
- (e) if so, the present status of the aforesaid move?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) The Committee on Allocation of Natural Resources (CANR), chaired by Shri Ashok Chawla, has not made any recommendation regarding amendment of Easements Act.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Madam. The proposal of a single Tribunal for faster disposal of all Inter State River Water Disputes is under process. The proposal, inter-alia, prescribes time limits for disposal of matters referred to the Tribunal.