

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to prepare a programme at national level for water conservation keeping in view the rapidly depleting groundwater and availability of water in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Government of India has launched the National Water Mission with the objective of 'conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution, both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management'. In addition, the Central Government supplements the efforts of State Governments for augmentation, conservation and efficient management of water resources by way of technical and financial support through various schemes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme; Command Area Development and Water Management; Repair Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies; Demonstrative Projects on Rainwater Harvesting and Artificial Recharge.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (a) & (b) above.