

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF GROUNDWATER IN HILLY AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has prepared any scheme to find the availability of groundwater in and around the hilly areas of Maharashtra State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount likely to be spent on this scheme and the time by which the same is likely to be completed, area-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) under the Ministry of Water Resources carries out its normal groundwater exploration programme in the Country, including the hilly areas of Maharashtra State with the objective of delineating potential aquifer zones and assessing their yield characteristics. A total of 115 exploratory wells have been constructed in the hilly areas of Maharashtra State till March, 2012. Details are given in Annexure. Expenditure details for such exploration works for hilly areas of Maharashtra are not maintained separately.