

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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STORAGE OF WATER

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

(a) the details of the technical and financial assistance provided to the State Governments for increasing storage as well as utilisation of water for irrigation, domestic and industrial uses etc. during each of last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of percentage of water used out of the total available waters, State-wise as on date; and

(c) the action taken to provide the basic infrastructure to store water and proper utilisation of water for irrigation, domestic and industrial uses?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to increase storage capacity and encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes namely "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)", "Command Area Development and Water Management Programme", "Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies" and Artificial Recharge to Ground Water. The details of State wise funds released under the above mentioned schemes / programmes during the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12) are at Annexures I to IV respectively.

(b) Central Water Commission and Central Ground Water Board in the year 2009 have assessed that 693 Billion Cubic Meters (BCM) of water is being utilized, which is about 37% of the total available water of 1869 BCM.

State wise details regarding availability/usage of surface water are not maintained. State- wise ground water availability and utilization details are at Annexure V.

(c) Several measures for increasing the storage capacity and proper utilization of water are taken up by the State Governments viz. construction of dams, check dams and farm ponds and adoption of better management practices. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by rendering technical and financial assistance through programmes like "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)", "Command Area Development and Water Management Programme", "Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies" and Artificial Recharge to Ground Water.