

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the present status of the water security pilot projects;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to augment natural water sources and aquifers as part of national water security initiatives; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has launched National Drinking Water Security pilot projects in 15 over exploited and critical blocks of the States of Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra in 2012. National Drinking Water Security Pilot Project comprises of four phases. The first phase is preparatory phase, the second phase consists of capacity building, survey and analysis; preparation of water security plans, the third phase consists of Implementation of sustainability Plans and finally the fourth phase consists of monitoring the improvements. Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has informed that activities under Phase 1 and Phase 2 are almost over and activities in the Phase 3 are under implementation.

(b) & (c) With a view to augmenting the water resources for utilization for various purposes, viz. irrigation, domestic, industrial etc., several measures are undertaken by respective State Governments which, inter-alia, include conservation of water resources through reservoir, traditional water bodies, rain water harvesting and artificial recharge to ground water. Central Government provides technical and financial assistance to the State Governments through various schemes and programmes namely Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), and Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies etc.