

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL WATER POLICY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review the national water policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing national water policy was found to be inadequate to resolve the various water issues; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a comprehensive new national water policy is likely to be announced and implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) & (b) Taking into consideration the existing scenario of water resources in the country, the National Water Policy, 2002 was reviewed and the revised National Water Policy, 2012 has been adopted by the National Water Resources Council (NWRC), with Chief Ministers of all States as Members, at its Meeting held on 28th December, 2012. The Salient Features of the National Water Policy, 2012 are annexed.

(c) & (d) The National Water Policy, 2012 has identified concerns in the water sector and addresses them through several recommendations for conservation, development and management of water resources in the country. This Ministry has prepared a Roadmap for implementation of National Water Policy, 2012.

Implementation of various recommendations requires the active co-operation and support of the States. Accordingly, the National Water Policy, 2012 has been forwarded to all the States /Union Territories and the concerned Ministries / Departments of Central Government for appropriate action.