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WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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WATER LEVEL

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

(a) whether the water level of the rivers has been decreasing and the demand of drinking water is increasing; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government so that there is no shortage of water in future?

Answer

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

(a) The water level in rivers fluctuates during different seasons. The water level tends to decrease in the summer (non-monsoon) period and increase in the monsoon period. The demand for water, including drinking water in the country is increasing due to increasing population, increasing industrialization and changing life style.

(b) Several steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management to ensure sustainability of water resources are undertaken by the respective State Governments. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP); and scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies etc. The Government of India has also 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".