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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to launch an online system to issue no objection certificate to industries, local bodies and domestic users for extraction of groundwater;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the groundwater resources of the country have been assessed and are being updated periodically; and
- (d) if so, the current status of groundwater availability across the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has launched a Beta version of Web based system for issue of 'No Objection Certificate (NOC)' for extraction of ground water. This web based application contains all the information useful to the users/project proponents for applying NOC for ground water abstraction for new industrial/ infrastructural/ mining projects and also for expansion of projects. The project proponents will be able to upload their application online and track status of their application.

(c)&(d) Central Ground Water Board(CGWB) under the Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR carries out periodic assessment of replenishable ground water resources every 2 years jointly with the respective State Ground Water Departments. As per the latest assessment (2011), the total annual replenishable ground water resource of the Country is around 433 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM) and net annual ground water availability is 398 BCM. Out of 6607 assessment units (Blocks/ Mandals/ Talukas/ Districts) in the Country, 1071 units falling in 16 States and 2 UTs have been categorized as 'Over-exploited' where the annual ground water extraction exceeds the net annual ground water availability and significant decline in long term ground water level trend has been observed either in pre- monsoon or post-monsoon or both. The stage of ground water development in the country is 62%. State/UT-wise details are given at Annexure.