

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WASTE WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government in respect of waste water management to address severe water problem;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to consult UN-HABITAT in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) The National Water Policy, 2012 has recognized the importance of waste water management. The Policy, inter-alia, recommends that 'recycle and reuse of water, including return flows should be the general norm' and that 'recycle and reuse of water, after treatment to specified standards, should also be incentivized through a properly planned tariff system'.

Government of India has 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'. Incentivising recycling of water, including waste water, is one of the strategies for achieving the goals of the National Water Mission.

Ministry of Urban Development has also formulated the Service Level Benchmarks which recommend 100% treatment of waste water. Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and the State Governments are taking necessary actions for treatment and disposal of sewage and wastewater. The sewage treatment plants operated by the ULBs/Water Boards/State Government Departments treat the waste water. The treated waste water is either reused for non-potable uses or released back into the water bodies/seas/land application.

(b)&(c) Government of India is participating in the global consultation process launched by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) on Wastewater Management and Water Quality to build consensus around key water challenges related to the post-2015 Development Agenda.