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WATER USE EFFICIENCY

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

(a) whether the National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency has been set up and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to introduce a water regulation and pricing mechanism and if so, the details thereof and the time-frame for the same?

Answer

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

(a) It is proposed to set up a "National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency (NBWUE)" to promote, and regulate efficient use of water in irrigation, industrial and domestic sectors.

(b) The National Water Policy, 2012 adopted by the National Water Resources Council (NWRC), with Chief Ministers of all States as Members, at its Meeting held on 28th December, 2012, has identified the need for pricing of water to ensure its efficient use and reward conservation. It has also recommended setting up of State Water Regulatory Authorities to introduce pricing mechanisms to meet equity, efficiency and economic principles.