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LOK SABHA**

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Awareness Programme on Water Harvesting
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any awareness programme about the importance of water harvesting at the school level; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) A three tier painting competition is conducted for school children of 6th, 7th and 8th standard through Central Ground Water Board throughout the country, i.e. at school level, state level and national level on various water related themes for spreading awareness on water conservation among the children. The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) framework for implementation prescribes, inter alia, facilities for water harvesting in new school buildings.

National Curriculum Framework (NCF) – 2005 emphasises on the protection of environment as a common core of the school curriculum. Contents and visuals related to water harvesting by indigenous and modern methods have been included in National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks of Environment Studies 'Looking Around' for Class V, Social Science (Geography) textbook for class X titled 'Contemporary India-II', Science textbooks and Project books in Environment Education. Under National Population Education Project importance of conservation of resources including water harvesting is also included in material for training programmes.
