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

- (a) whether the Government has launched or proposes to launch National Water Mission in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which it is likely to resolve the issue of water, climate change as well as that of global warming?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Government of India has launched National Water Mission (NWM) under National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC). The main objective of the National Water Mission is "conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management". The five identified goals of the Mission are: (a) comprehensive water data base in public domain and assessment of impact of climate change on water resource; (b) promotion of citizen and state action for water conservation, augmentation and preservation; (c) focused attention to vulnerable areas including over-exploited areas; (d) increasing water use efficiency by 20%, and (e) promotion of basin level integrated water resources management.

(c) A Central Sector Scheme, namely "Implementation of National Water Mission (NWM)" has been approved by the Government of India with a financial outlay of Rs.196 crore for the XII Plan period. NWM has carried out the following activities towards fulfillment of its objectives :

â€¢ Water Resources Information System (WRIS) launched

â€¢ Pilot aquifer mapping carried out in six States

â€¢ Master Plan for artificial recharge of Ground water prepared and placed in public domain.

â€¢ A study completed with ADB for developing a systematic approach for coping with flood.

â€¢ National Water Policy 2012 revised and circulated to the States.

â€¢ Carried out a scoping study on the Water Use Efficiency for the Major-Medium Irrigation Projects in association with Asian Development Bank (ADB).

â€¢ Guidelines for different uses of water, e.g. irrigation, drinking, industrial purposes prepared by CWC and placed in public domain.

â€¢ Public awareness on issues of water conservation through Jal Manthan & India water week.
