

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether monsoon patterns are changing across India; and
- (b) if so, the implications thereof on water harvesting and irrigation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE). (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) Indian Meteorological Department has informed that the monsoon rainfall for the country as a whole over a longer data set has not shown any abnormal pattern / significant trend.

The change in monsoon pattern on a regional scale is likely to increase variability in availability of water necessitating increased efforts for water harvesting and irrigation.