

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

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

- (a) whether the per capita availability of quality drinking water is very low in the country as per the World Health Organisation (WHO) norms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the per capita level has become more dismal in the recent years as per the report of WHO; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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) No report is available in Ministry of Water Resources. River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation which indicates that the per capita availability of quality drinking water is very low in the country as per the World Health Organisation (WHO) norms.

(c)&(d) The per capita water availability in the country as a whole is reducing due to increase in population. The average annual per capita availability of water in the country, taking into consideration the population of the country as per the 2001 census, was 1816 cubic meters which decreased to 1545 cubic meters as per the 2011 census.