

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1468**  
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018

**WORLD BANK AID FOR GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT**

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

- (a) whether the World Bank has approved 6,000 crore to India to improve ground water management in priority areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has identified priority areas where the scheme is to be launched and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether 1034 out of 6584 blocks are over exploited as per the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB); and
- (d) if so, the detailed plan chalked out by the Government for the purpose and utilization of this fund?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (d) The World Bank has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY), a Rs.6000 crore scheme, for sustainable management of ground water. The funding pattern is 50:50 between Government of India and the World Bank. The scheme is to be implemented over a period of five years from 2018-19 to 2022-23. The identified over-exploited and water stressed areas for the implementation of the scheme fall in the States of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

As per assessment of Dynamic Ground Water Resources- 2013, carried out by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) jointly with State Governments, out of 6584 assessment units in the country, 1034 assessment units are categorized as "Over-Exploited".

ABHY has two major components: Investment Component for strengthening institutional arrangements for sustainable ground water management in the States including improving monitoring networks, capacity building, strengthening of Water User Associations, etc. and Incentive Component for incentivising the States for achievements in improved groundwater management practices viz. data dissemination, preparation of water security plans, implementation of management interventions through convergence of ongoing schemes, adopting demand side management practices etc.

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