

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 19.11.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**WATER CONSERVATION SCHEMES .**

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Shri Shyamal Chakraborty

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether water resource department, drinking water department and irrigation department do have water conservation schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether there is any coordination among these departments for water management?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) Several schemes have been undertaken by the respective departments of the State Governments for development and conservation of water which inter-alia includes conservation of water through reservoirs, rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge. Storage capacity of 225 billion cubic metre has so far been created through reservoirs. The Government of India has also drawn up National Perspective Plan for optimal utilization of the water resources particularly through diversion of surplus flood water to deficient areas.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Administrative arrangements are in place for coordination among various Ministries dealing with activities related to water resources development and management.