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WATER HARVESTING IN HOMES

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to launch any special campaign to encourage water harvesting in homes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether there is any plan in future through which water harvesting can be implemented effectively?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) Water being a State subject, planning, funding and execution of water harvesting projects primarily lies with State Governments and supported by Central Government through technical and financial support. At present, there is no plan with Central Government to launch any special campaign to encourage water harvesting in homes. However, Central government encourages water harvesting at various places including homes depending upon the local conditions through its schemes, campaigns, policies, guidelines etc. Major initiatives include “Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain” (JSA:CTR) Campaign; Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal); Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS); Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY); National Water Policy (NWP); Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT); Unified Building Bye Laws (UBBL); Model Building Bye Laws (MBBL), 2016; Urban and Regional Development Plan Formulation & Implementation (URDPFI) Guidelines etc. As per MBBL, "all buildings having a plot size of 100 sq. m. or more, while submitting the building plans for sanction mandatorily include the complete proposal for rain water harvesting. Besides, States have been advised to set up a Jal Shakti Kenda in each district which, among other things, provides technical and other guidance for creating rainwater harvesting structures at various places including at homes. So far, 656 Jal Shakti Kendas have been established in the country.

(c) Master Plan for Artificial Recharge to Groundwater- 2020 has been prepared by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) in consultation with States/UTs. The Master Plan envisages construction of about 1.42 crore rain water harvesting and artificial recharge structures in the country to harness 185 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) of monsoon rainfall.
